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33/10

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Colder with some snow
20/2

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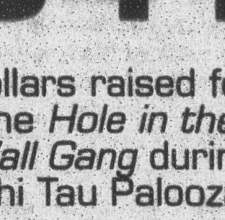

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Borough may become 'wet'

Alcohol referendum to be on May ballot

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Borough voters will have the opportunity May 16 to vote to allow alcohol sales in New Wilmington.

While choosing local leaders in the upcoming primary election, voters will also be asked to decide if the sale of alcohol should be legal in the borough. It is currently illegal.

Liquor has not been sold in New Wilmington since prohibition, and many community members take pride in the town's conservative atmosphere.

Townspeople voted overwhelmingly--351 to 77--to keep New Wilmington dry when a liquor referendum was on the ballot in 2003.

Local restaurateur Jay Behm has been working hard to ensure the referendum back on the ballot, and is persuading townspeople that it is time for a change in New Wilmington.

As current owner of "The Tavern on the Square", Behm was forced to close his doors last July. He believes that a restaurant of The Tavern's size can't compete with local businesses that do have liquor licenses, like Rachel's or Iron Bridge.

Behm, who has lived in New Wilmington since being a young boy, would love to see a boost in the local economy. He believes that "an anchor business like The Tavern could attract more business." He stressed that though The Tavern will sell alcohol, it will be an attribute to the town, rather than a nuisance that so many people are afraid of.

"It won't be a shot of beer place," he said.

Rather, Behm is interested in creating a restaurant that is within walking distance of the college; where students can come to socialize, but not be afraid to also bring their parents for dinner on visits.

Behm believes that college students are the key to lifting the ban. If students register to vote in New Wilmington and return to vote in favor of the referendum on May 16, Behm believes that the referendum will have a much greater chance of success.

"If you are looking for a way to change your college experience, this would be it!" he said.

He hopes to promote his case by creating awareness and educating college students about their ability to vote in New Wilmington.

Any student can register, regardless of where they call home, and of course, you can only vote once, which disqualifies you from voting back home.

Behm is afraid of rumors that have been spreading about the taxation of college students to vote.

Photo by Willis Bretz/Holcad archive 2004

The owner of The Tavern on the Square, Jay Behm, believes that college students are the key to the success of a referendum that would permit alcohol sales in New Wilmington.

He reminds students that it is completely illegal to tax someone to vote. The only tax in question is an occupation tax that students might have to pay if they work in New Wilmington. This tax is currently $10.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs/Campus Security and Public Safety, John Lechner, believes that if the sale of alcohol becomes legal in New Wilmington, it will have little affect on the campus. Westminster does not plan to change its 'no alcohol permitted on campus' rule and most of our students are under 21 and will not be allowed to buy it anyway.

If the referendum does pass, Lechner also doesn't foresee New Wilmington becoming a metropolis of alcohol retailers.

"The small size of New Wilmington will also make it a less than optimum place to open a state store or a beer distributor," Lechner said.

But if establishments like The Tavern add beer and wine to their menus, Lechner has no doubt that campus and borough officials will keep the situation under control.

"With the College being in close proximity to an establishment that sells alcohol, the proprietors will be extremely cautious about checking I.D.'s...New Wilmington law enforcement officials and the state liquor enforcement agency will monitor the in-town activity closely."

If students are more interested in voting either for or against the sale of alcohol in New Wilmington, Jay Behm suggests checking out www.votespa.com. The deadline to register to vote on May 16 is 30 days before the election.

Single slate running for SGA leadership

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

Slate Kerns beat Slate McClarey in the slate elections last February, but this upcoming year Slate Nesbitt is the sole slate candidate.

Since only one slate is running this year, the traditional slate elections will not be held which also means there is no need for a formal debate.

"Instead of the usual debate, we will have a platform presentation so the slate can present their ideas to the student body," current judicial chair Amy Perkins said.

The platform presentation for Slate Nesbitt will be held on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge. This will give the students a chance to become familiar with the ideas of the slate, the candidates for the different positions and their plans for the upcoming year.

The slate consists of ten candidates who are elected as one. It includes the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer for the next year, as well as the chairs of six different departments: Academics, Judicial, Special Events, Public Relations, Financial and Diversity.

"The diversity department was just instituted last semester and promotes diversity on campus by working with the Black Student Union and the Allies" Perkins said.

As the judicial chair, Perkins deals with situations that arise on campus as well as vacancies in the slate.

However, the slate is not the only thing that is changing within the SGA organization. The student body can vote to elect new SGA senators for next year on Feb. 22-23. There are senator positions open in every class.

The first meeting will be held on Feb. 28, which any members of the student body are free to attend. Any questions can be directed to either Amy Perkins or the SGA email account.

Fraternities to pick up new members

Guys' Pick-up Day Feb. 3

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Choruses chanting time-honored carols will echo throughout campus tomorrow morning as the Greek Community celebrates Guy's Pick-Up Day.

The highly-anticipated event honors independent students pledging their commitment to a fraternity. The Inter-Fraternity Council Pledge Pick-Up Day Agenda explains the day's intent: "This should be a day that will be a 'highlight' of the year and one that will be a lifelong memory."

The school offers a unique Pick-Up Day opportunity and event that Greeks at other colleges do not experience.

Coach D. Scott Renninger has served as the Greek Faculty Advisor for over a quarter of a century. Renninger's daughter, who works at Miami University (a university that boasts the most Alpha Chapters in the United States), reacted with great surprise and astonishment after her father described Westminster's Pick-Up Day ceremonies.

The college organizes Pick-Up Day in the second semester to give first year students a chance to academically and socially ground themselves before deciding to join an organization. Renninger stresses that these new pledges will have opportunities to become members in these organizations and potentially form life-long relationships through their experiences.

More importantly, Renninger explains that in his long tenure at the college, "there have only been very, very few academic or social casualties because of pledging a fraternity, and that those casualties are brought about by careless decisions of individuals rather than the pledging process."

Renninger advocates the many benefits to joining a fraternity.

A fraternity provides a place to return when visiting the campus.

Fraternal life can develop different responsibilities and gives the member the opportunity for leadership.

Also, Renninger contends that fraternal life gives freshmen a connection with seniors on a different level than they ever had before, and that such connections can vastly enrich a college experience.

By the morning of Feb. 3, each fraternity will have decided which independent males they hope to add to their organization. The fraternities will then address bids to these students to be placed in the appropriate mailboxes.

Independent males can check their mail boxes tomorrow morning after 11:20 for bids, and decide whether or not to pledge a fraternity offering membership.

While bids rest in the mailboxes, each fraternity will eat breakfast at an specific time. Renninger has assigned breakfast times throughout the morning so that a neutral group, comprised of representatives from each fraternity and sorority, can visit and rate each breakfast.

The judges will rate each event in the day and a large paddle will be presented at the end of Greek Week (later this semester) to the organization with the best Pick-Up Day.

After the Greek organizations eat breakfast, they will convoy to the athletic fields to pick-up their new pledges. Each fraternity will then take their pledges and follow that fraternity's traditional pick-up day custom.

At 1:30, each organization will meet at Colonial Lanes and bowl until 3:00. Later, each fraternity will hold a fashionable dinner together, brothers and pledges.

Students protest at Capitol Mall

By Leanna Stitt
News editor

It is common knowledge that many Americans oppose the presence of troops in Iraq, but out of all those people, who actually does something about it? On Saturday, January 27th, three members of the Green Party traveled to Washington D.C. to attend a protest against President Bush's recent proposal to send 20,000 more troops to Iraq.

"There were hundreds of thousands of people [at the protest]," Green Party president, Marissa Danney, said, "It was just totally packed."

Danney, Lois Tolvinski, and Ben Knauff arrived at the March for Peace, which was held at the Mall, early Saturday morning and stayed until late that night. Protestors were hoping to catch the attention of Congress in order to keep them from consenting to Bush's proposal to send more troops overseas, including troops that have already returned from the Iraq war once already.

"Our way of measuring if the protest was a success is whether or not Congress votes on it [the proposal]," Danney said.

Several demonstrations took place at the protest. One in particular included three women, each representing a different aspect of the war span. One dressed as a business woman with soot on her face, representing the 9/11 tragedy, one dressed as a U.S. soldier, and one dressed as an Iraqi woman. Each held a piece of red cloth, of varying lengths, that represented the number of deaths in their respective representation. Every square inch of cloth symbolized 12 casualties, with the cloth of the Afghan woman stretching enormously farther and wider than the cloth of the business woman. The demonstration was completely silent.

"Amidst all of the rallying and shouting, it was powerful to just have the women standing there silently," Danney said.

In addition to this, many other silent demonstrations took place including a collection of Buddhists who gathered to meditate prior

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Contributed photo

Sophomore Marissa Danney, middle, and juniors Ben Knauff and Lois Tolvinski protested at the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. Saturday, Jan. 27.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Do anyone else's posters keep falling down?

...But love is many things, none of them logical.

Um, by the way, it's not tar. It's paint.

Woo! 5 days until my 21st!!1!!

The one thing Americans do well is pizza.

If you ain't first, you're last.

Every one of you is fired.

Alarm clocks work better when the sleeping person is in the same room.

Why are PRAXIS tests so expensive??

The FOPWOP. Don't you wish you knew what it was?

Some old people offered me a ride into town. That was awesome.

RHOMBUS!

Come visit us! We live in the storage closet!

Dance parties to Queen songs are spectacular

I want chicken wings! Please TUB, I really do.

Yeah, magnetic flux on that.

Are YOU loved more than a peanut butter and jelly burrito? 'Cuz I am.

Has Rafa ever asked you out? Yeah, didn't think so.

Ribs. I had ribs for lunch. That's why I'm doing this.

I don't know who's playing in the Superbowl... commercials, anyone?

Brand New Colony sounds like a great plan

I got to ride in a tractor :-)

And then I found 5 dollars.

Angelina Jo Lie

You came back!

That's how we roll.

Save the cheerleader, save the world.

That typo implies more that we could ever imagine.

It's where all the cool ostriches party.

There's something about the yellowing of newspaper that depresses me.

I'm going...for good.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Our View

Students employees need to be responsible for student employment interests

Bill Shondlemyer said in his January 26 column this statement in regard to skilled student workers not receiving a wage increase appropriate for the new minimum wage rates:

"And while complaining about it may be annoying, at least we aren't unionizing. Yet."

Students already have a union: the Student Government Association.

However, is SGA a watchdog for students who are also employees of the college? Is the protection of student labor a mission of SGA?

Section II of the SGA Constitution states that the "purpose of this SGA is to contribute to the social, recreational, cultural and educational development of the students...The SGA will strive to serve as a unifying force in the life of the college..."

We searched through the Constitution and the information regarding SGA's committees and councils, finding no information leading us to believe that SGA has any say in student employment or work-study. This leads us to believe that SGA does not have collective bargaining authority on behalf of the students.

The Holcad believes that students' employments interests should be carefully watched in the same manner as any other workforce. Students have a right to fair wages for on-campus jobs which require a greater level of skill than other other campus jobs.

Needless to say, students in these jobs are not a dime-a-dozen: very few other students are able to fill the positions and fill them effectively. Most of the students working in such jobs are already the only ones willing or able to do it within the limits of their schedule.

Without these students, certain functions of the college would be considerably less effective, thus taxing non-student employees and creating difficulties for the entire campus community. The best example of this is Information Systems and its technicians' desk. Employees of the tech. desk are skilled workers and are on a stepped wage schedule based on their abilities. The recent jump in minimum wage did not benefit these employees, who were already paid above minimum wage, as they did not receive an increase proportional to the minimum wage increase.

The Holcad understands that guarding student employment interests may not be a mission of SGA. We will abstain from declaring whether it should or shouldn't be.

However, *The Holcad* recognizes that, like the real world, student employment should be monitored by a group of students employees.

If SGA feels that it is not its mission to protect the aforementioned interests of students, then *The Holcad* calls for student employees to come together and form a "student labor union" under the advisement of a faculty member who is versed in the dynamics of unions and labor/management relations to form an organization capable of collective bargaining.

Sun is better than snow: part one

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

I would like to apologize for my harsh opening attack. I had intended to write a candy-coated "welcome back" article, but decided at the last minute to rattle the cage instead. A cage that needs rattled more often, I think.

Many things transpired this break, most of which were good.

I enjoyed the option of wearing shorts on New Year's Eve, I took a dance lesson or two, I interviewed for a job unintentionally, etc. Pretty much everything about the trip reaffirmed that I would prefer to leave Pittsburgh in the next few years.

I am not saying permanently, nor inferring that I am unhappy here. I am simply suggesting that sometime soon I would like to set sail for somewhere scintillatingly fresh. Alliteration is fun.

Often, friends returning from vacation go on about how much better things were at Point B. This positive response is often attributed to the word vacation.

I know that I am talking in circles. The point which I have been building toward is that we often forget that day-to-day life is different from the sandy beaches and margarita Mondays that accompany a vacation.

Therefore, I must now ask the key question: "Are you happy?"

In addition, I must inquire as to why Microsoft Word prefers the word "therefore" to the more conversational "so".

Grammatical quibbles aside: "Are you happy right now?"

My next question, which I ask without acknowledging responses, is "Why not?"

Many people respond with mundane things such as class, work, assignments, money, or necrotizing fasciitis.

Unfortunately, one must work to eat, and one must eat to live. One must also go to the hospital immediately if he has illnesses that I can barely spell.

What we can change, however, is where we work, our educational status and our general outlook on life.

Yes, you can change where you work. Pick your favorite clichéd expression and get your rear in gear. It will be difficult, and you may end up deciding that you were better off at your old job. In which case, you have a new appreciation for the status quo.

Most of us are working on our education right now. If this displeases you in some way, re-evaluate your life-goals. And if homework keeps getting in the way of partying every night, you should probably drop out, get a job at Wal-Mart, and enjoy a career more suited to your interests.

I do not wish to insult any Wal-Mart employees by that previous remark.

Most happiness, as much as I hate to admit to it, is attitude. If you don't want to be happy, you won't be. If you approach life as though you will fail, you will fail.

It will be extremely difficult to change such habits, but it can be done. Just do your best and focus on your goals. Or accept failure and walk away unhappy.

I apologize if these statements are not very uplifting. Actually, I don't, because you are going to have to deal with cranky people for the rest of your life.

Ignore them, and work on being more positive.

Bill is a senior computer science major. He enjoys tea, the work of Kurt Vonnegut, and midnight trips to Sheetz.

Wage raise only a start to helping U.S. citizens

Staff Editorial
Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. -- Let's say you work 20 hours a week flipping burgers or hawking books at $5.15 per hour, the current minimum wage.

Now let's say the U.S. Senate passes legislation, which has already cleared the House, to increase the federal minimum wage to $7.25 per hour. President George W. Bush signs it into law.

Working the same hours, you'd supplement your income by about $40 dollars per week -- about 80 cups of Top Ramen, half a textbook, a down payment on a PlayStation 3.

About 115 students employed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln make minimum wage. Surely, many more make less than $7.25 per hour working inside or outside the university.

As college tuition prices rise, and as the buying power of the current minimum wage sinks to its lowest level since the 1940s, a minimum wage increase is good public policy. Good for college students. Good for some low-income families.

Let's not pretend, however, that the proposed legislation would be a cure-all for the culture of American poverty -- far from it.

Economists disagree on the net effect of raising the minimum wage.

Sure, some people making low wages would earn more.

But employers, facing higher personnel costs, might have to cut employees or trim their hours.

"Some people may be out of a job," said Eric Thompson, an associate professor with UNL's Bureau of Business Research.

Thompson pointed out there are methods other than increasing the minimum wage for the government to help low-income families.

Federal "earned income tax credit," for example, subsidizes the wages of low-income workers. A single mother working a low-paying job to support her children could qualify for the money. A high school student jonesing for a new mountain bike could not.

Further, even at $7.25 per hour, a Nebraska worker might not be able to cover basic housing costs, according to the Nebraska Housing Developers Association.

The association estimates that, working 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, one Nebraska worker must earn $11.71 to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

Just for some perspective, Nebraska Football Coach Bill Callahan's $1.5 million annual package would translate to about $721 per hour under that formula.

However, it's by no means certain that raising the minimum wage would cause high unemployment or stifle job growth.

Economists David Card and Alan B. Krueger published a famous study in the 1990s concluding that increases in the minimum wage have had little or no effect on employment in U.S. states. The conclusions were based on studies of several states that have raised their minimum wages above the federal level.

Another study of states with higher minimum wages, published in 2004 by the Fiscal Policy Institute, concludes that "total job growth was faster in the higher minimum wage states."

Low-income families need all the help they can get. Increasing the minimum wage would be one step in combating poverty in the United States.

A living wage would be even better.

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Since it can take several weeks to obtain a passport, students are urged to apply now. Although this new requirement applies only to air travel at this time, all Americans traveling abroad are encouraged to have a passport.

For more information, visit http://travel.state.gov.

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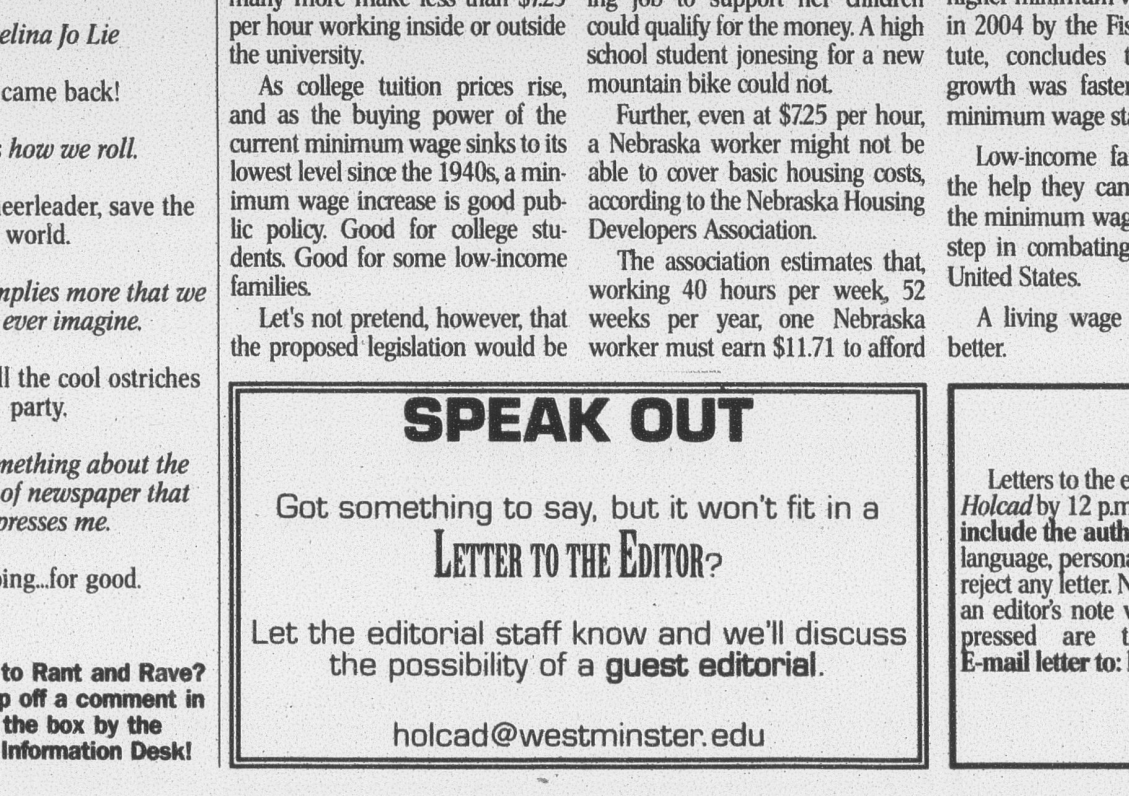

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Pennsylvania legislative reforms

Lawmakers tell panel how they would change Pa. House

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - State representatives on Tuesday offered the new House reform panel a wide range of suggestions for changing how the chamber operates.

In less than two hours, the Commission on Legislative Reform fielded ideas about lame-duck sessions, the handling of amendments, proxy voting, the power to force a floor vote on a bill, advance notice and public access to lawmakers' spending records.

The commission, established by Speaker Dennis M. O'Brien, has six weeks to formulate its recommended changes to House operations, after which it will take up broader issues of state government. The House is scheduled to consider changes to its rules the week of March 12.

"We will have far more proposals for reform than we will be able to deal with, probably, during this session," said Rep. David Steil, R-Bucks, the commission's co-chairman. "I'm convinced of it."

Rep. Greg Vitali, D-Delaware, proposed outlawing the purchasing of commercial air time for House members' "public service announcements." He said they unfairly aid incumbents' re-election efforts by boosting name recognition.

"I believe it's an abuse of the process," said Vitali. He also wants to ban telemarketing calls to constituents and prevent members from setting up nonprofit entities that receive state grants.

"Why should they be able to act as mini governments and decide at their discretion where this money should go?" Vitali said.

Rep. Jerry L. Nailor, R-Cumberland, said the House should restrict the use of proxy votes, forcing members to deliver their proxy forms in person the day of a vote, and have the proxy power valid for a very limited time period only.

"At least you're in Harrisburg. You've proven you're not out playing golf," Nailor said.

O'Brien, R-Philadelphia, established the panel in response to public pressure for change that became more intense after the short-lived pay-raise law of 2005. Last year, 24 incumbent legislators were defeated, many by challengers who promised to push for General Assembly reforms, and Democrats gained a House majority for the first time in 12 years. O'Brien was elected speaker earlier this month.

The General Assembly's methods in passing bills affects the quality of the laws it passes, said Barry Kauffman, the executive director of Common Cause Pennsylvania.

"I think they've gotten off on a positive step," he said after the hearing. "We've known about many of these problems for a decade-and-a-half."

The House has to strike a balance between opening up the process and a practical need to have leadership control the schedule, said Larry Frankel, legislative director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania.

"If you take too much power away from them, then you end up with chaos," Frankel said. "You need somebody regulating the flow."

The commission consists of 12 members from each party, and its recommendations will require support from at least nine Republicans and nine Democrats.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Mercer County Cheering on Hometown Football Star in Super Bowl

People in Mercer County will cheer on a hometown football hero in Sunday's Super Bowl. Indianapolis Colts defensive back Marlin Jackson played as a Sharon High School Tiger just a few years ago. He joined the Colts after playing college at Michigan. Now the N.F.L. star lives in Indianapolis, he still maintains a home in Mercer County. The Colts take on the Chicago Bears Sunday night in Miami.

Comedy Central Goofs on New Wilmington & Congressman

New Wilmington received a mention and some political ribbing on cable TV's Comedy Central this week as "The Colbert Report" focused on newly elected 4th District Congressman Jason Altmire (Democrat). The Colbert Report is a mock conservative news commentary show that airs after the popular "Daily Show." Host Stephen Colbert goofed on Altmire's district which includes New Wilmington. Colbert donned an Amish costume and pretended to go on an Amish bugging ride in New Wilmington to introduce his interview with the Congressman who represents, "the fighting fourth, home to non-fighting Amish communities." Colbert managed to poke fun at the freshman representative while also making some stinging jabs at the Bush administration. You can watch the faux interview segment online.

NATIONAL

Merck lobbies states to require cervical-cancer vaccine for schoolgirls

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Merck & Co. is helping bankroll efforts to pass state laws requiring girls as young as 11 or 12 to receive the drugmaker's new vaccine against the sexually transmitted cervical-cancer virus.

Some conservatives and parents'-rights groups say such a requirement would encourage premarital sex and interfere with the way they raise their children, and they say Merck's push for such laws is underhanded. But the company said its lobbying efforts have been above-board.

With at least 18 states debating whether to require Merck's Gardasil vaccine for schoolgirls, Merck has funneled money through Women in Government, an advocacy group made up of female state legislators around the country.

A top official from Merck's vaccine division sits on Women in Government's business council, and many of the bills around the country have been introduced by members of Women in Government.

"Cervical cancer is of particular interest to our members because it represents the first opportunity that we have to actually eliminate a cancer," Women in Government President Susan Crosby said.

Gardasil, approved by the federal government in June, protects girls and women against strains of the human papillomavirus, or HPV, that are responsible for most cases of cervical cancer. A government advisory panel has recommended that all girls get the shots at 11 and 12, before they are likely to be sexually active.

But no state has yet to add Gardasil to the list of vaccinations youngsters must have under law to be enrolled in school.

Merck spokeswoman Janet Skidmore would not say how much the company is spending on lobbyists or how much it has donated to Women in Government. Crosby also declined to specify how much the drug company gave.

But Skidmore said: "We disclosed the fact that we provide funding to this organization. We're not in any way trying to obscure that."

The New Jersey-based drug company could generate billions in sales if Gardasil _ at $360 for the three-shot regimen _ were made mandatory across the country. Most insurance companies now cover the vaccine, which has been shown to have no serious side effects.

Cathie Adams, president of the conservative watchdog group Texas Eagle Forum, said the relationship between Merck and Women in Government is too cozy.

"What it does is benefit the pharmaceutical companies, and I don't want pharmaceutical companies taking precedence over the authorities of parents," she said.

Adams said Merck's method of lobbying quietly through groups like Women in Government in addition to meeting directly with legislators are common in state government but still should raise eyebrows. "It's corrupt as far as I'm concerned," she said.

A mandatory vaccine against a sexually transmitted disease could be a tough sell in the Lone Star State and other conservative strongholds, where schools preach abstinence and parents' rights are sacrosanct.

But Merck has doubled its spending on lobbyists in Texas this year, to between $150,000 and $250,000, as lawmakers consider the vaccine bill for girls entering the sixth grade.

INTERNATIONAL

World scientists meet to finish up long-awaited global warming report

PARIS (AP) - Scientists from around the world gathered Monday in Paris to finalize a long-awaited, authoritative report on climate change, expected to give a grim warning of rising temperatures and sea levels worldwide.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is to unveil its latest assessment of the environmental threat posed by global warming on Friday.

As the panel meets, the planet is the warmest it has been in thousands of years _ if not more _ and international concern over what to do about it is at an all-time high.

"At no time in the past has there been such a global appetite" for reliable information on global warming, the panel's chairman, Rajendra Pachauri of India, told the conference.

Scientists are keeping quiet about the contents of the report, but say it is both more specific and more sweeping than the panel's previous efforts.

Early drafts of the document give a rosier picture than that of the last report, in 2001, foreseeing smaller sea level rises than previously predicted. But many top scientists reject the new figures as not new enough: They do not include the recent melting of big ice sheets in two crucial locations _ Greenland and Antarctica.

That debate may be central at this week's meetings at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. After four days of closed-door, word-by-word editing involving more than 500 experts, they will release the first of four major global warming reports by the IPCC expected this year.

"We're hoping that it will convince people that climate change is real and that we have a responsibility for much of it, and that we really do have to make changes in how we live," said Kenneth Denman, one of the report's authors and senior scientist at the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis.

It has been an unusually warm winter in some parts of the world, and awareness of the consequences of climate change is growing.

Last week, President Bush referred to global warming as an established fact, after years of arguing that not enough was known about global warming to do anything about it.

The panel, created by the United Nations in 1988, releases its assessments every five or six years _ although scientists have been observing climate change since as far back as the 1960s.

While critics call the panel overly alarmist, it is by nature relatively cautious because it relies on input from hundreds of scientists, including skeptics and industry researchers. And its reports must be unanimous, approved by 154 governments _ including the United States and oil-rich countries such as Saudi Arabia.

Pachauri, director-general of the Tata Energy Research Institute in India who has served as an adviser to India's prime minister, said the report would make "significant advances" over the 2001 report, addressing gaps in that document, reducing uncertainties and adding new knowledge about past changes in climate.

The early versions of the new report predict that by 2100 the sea level would rise between 5 and 23 inches. That is far lower than the 20 to 55 inches forecast by 2100 in a study published in the peer-review journal Science this month. Other climate experts, including NASA's James Hansen, predict even bigger sea level rises.

Political Pong: State of the Union

If you watched news on the television at any point during the week of Jan. 21 through Jan. 27, chances are you saw something about the State of the Union address.

Given on Jan. 23 in a 14-page speech that lasted 49 minutes, President Bush informed Americans about policies that he and his administration intended to pursue in 2007. This was the first State of the Union address in six years in which the Democrats had some real power in any branch of the government. Since Bush has taken office, he has not had to work with a divided Congress until now.

Democrats, we need to admit something to ourselves. Watching the previous State of the Union addresses with Bush as our president has not been easy.

Nancy Pelosi may not be the most popular Democrat, but it was a moral victory to see her seated behind President Bush and right next to Dick Cheney. Did anyone else see Dick pull out his shotgun twice during the speech?

Because of the recent shift in power, the speech was written differently from years past. Bush often stressed the need for both parties to work together.

It is unlikely that many of the points outlined will be accomplished exactly as President Bush intended. With both parties polarized over hot-button issues such as the economy, social security and

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

health care and the war in Iraq, gridlock is likely to occur.

Most of America is tired of the war in Iraq, and Bush has had considerable difficulty trying to convince Americans that more troops should be committed to the war. In his speech, he said that the extra troops were there to help create a more stable Iraq so that their government can function without U.S. help in years to come.

This probes the question of how many troops that will take and if it is possible for there to be peace in the Middle East without outside military presence.

As I reread the transcript of his speech, I was surprised to find that Bush did not mention the word "privatize" anywhere near the words "social security." President Franklin Delano Roosevelt would probably turn over in his grave if social security was ever completely privatized because privatization defeats the purpose of the program.

I have a confession to make. It is tough for me to admit, but I did actually like a quote from Bush in this speech. As Bush moved onto the topic of health care, he said, "When it comes to health care, [the] government has an obligation to care for the elderly, the disabled, and poor children. And we will meet those responsibilities."

Unfortunately, I disagree with President Bush on how to make health care affordable to all. His proposed tax cuts are elaborate and will not be able to generate the funds to ensure that all Americans are covered.

Quite possibly, the most entertaining, yet nauseating part of the speech for the Democrats came at the beginning when Bush discussed economic policy.

The president praised the economy's growth; however the economy was so poor only a couple years ago that it did not really have anywhere to go but up. Bush continued by saying that the budget needed to be balanced.

Hopefully, Bush can figure out how to balance the budget before his term is over and leave a surplus for the next president just like Bush was given when he entered the office. This goal is probably out of reach as the deficit soared during his first term in office.

But, hey, everyone is allowed to dream.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

The State of the Union, friends, is tired. If you watched any of the broadcasts of the address last Tuesday, you undoubtedly saw distinguished guests falling asleep in their seats between the several hundred bouts of applause that occurred throughout the speech.

You would think that there was not really much time to doze between ovations, or that they would be interested in the speech, but no. The major news networks found members of Congress on both sides of the aisle enjoying a nap.

Elect me to Congress, and I swear I will not fall asleep. In fact, I will bring noise makers and be loud, rowdy and annoying just to keep everyone else awake. In the interest of national security, of course.

But those Congressional members might have had the right idea. Americans are tired. Tired of a war in Iraq that does not seem to be going anywhere but downhill. Tired of an ongoing debate about social security in which nothing is being resolved. Tired of depending on oil prices that race up and down when someone lifts a finger in the volatile Middle East. Tired of an ongoing list of problems Americans face both domestically and worldwide.

President Bush's State of the Union address introduced viable options to many of the issues at hand. He offered solutions to the problems before us, and those so-

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

lutions deserve unbiased, bipartisan consideration, especially with a Congress and an administration so tensely divided.

Every effort for bipartisan action should be made. According to his speech, the president is willing to take those strides, and Speaker Pelosi should do so as well.

A recurring theme for the last two years has been energy reform. The president recognizes the need to get away from the United States' dependency on foreign energy resources.

He also recognizes the importance of confronting climate change. To resolve these issues, Bush wants to reduce gasoline usage in the country by 20 percent in 10 years. Stopping the growth of carbon dioxide emissions in vehicles is part of the plan, as well as modernizing the current Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.

I am not sure how someone could disagree with any of these initiatives. Changes like these have been floating around the political scene for years, and a plan needs to be put into place to take a positive step forward for energy and the environment.

A specific plan for health care was addressed during the speech, as well. If nothing else, the president should be applauded for bringing such a tense issue directly to the limelight. People are itching to improve our current health care system, and the president's plan has the ability to do so.

He wants to amend the tax code to allow for a standard deduction for health insurance, much like the one offered for dependents now, and not have those with health insurance pay payroll tax on a set amount of their income. These ideas will give money back to the people, allowing them to afford purchasing private health insurance.

Internationally, the president's eyes are not only set on the war in Iraq. While he places priority on strengthening our military, he is also focused on AIDS and malaria relief in Africa. The president's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief reaches out to 15 countries and has so far treated 822,000 people. It also helps train local professionals so there are permanent individuals who affected people can go to for help. Needless to say, our interests are not only Middle Eastern.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Concert organist to perform Feb. 2

By Megan Hoffman
Campus writer

Concert organist and recording artist Christa Rakich will perform and critique student organists during her visit to the campus.

Rakich will perform a free concert open to students, faculty and the public on Friday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

"I am excited to hear how she plays," organist Craig Dressler said. "I hope a lot of people come to support her."

In addition to the concert, she conducted a colloquium on Thursday, Feb. 1, in which several organ students performed for Rakich.

"She is an exceptional teacher with a different slant on things," Elizabeth Harrison, assistant professor of music, said. "She is also a good role model for how to prepare for a concert and prepare well."

According to the school Web site, Rakich will perform selections by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Johanna Shefter and James Woodman.

"Rakich features eclectic programs with a wide variety of styles," Harrison said. "She features women composers and there aren't many for the organ."

Harrison went on to explain that Rakich often selects music to perform that is usually quite colorful with a variety of sound and texture changes.

According to her Web site, www.christarakich.com, Rakich received her undergraduate degrees in organ and German with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Oberlin College.

She went on to receive her master's and graduated with honors from the New England Conservatory. Rakich spent several years in Boston teaching at the New England Conservatory as well as the Westminster Choir College and the University of Connecticut.

"I have known Christa for 25 years. We both have master's degrees from the same school, the New England Conservatory," Harrison said. "She is a fun person."

The Web site also states that Rakich has won various awards at international organ competitions and is often praised for her interpretations of J.S. Bach's organ pieces.

When she is not performing as a solo artist she performs with The Fanfare Consort. She is also involved as a founder and member of the Ensemble Duemila.

"She performs all over and is a very respected and good performer," Harrison said. "She is one of the most respected woman performers in the country."

In addition, the school Web site notes that Rakich studied the organ at the Hochschule for Musik in Vienna, Austria. She was a Fulbright Scholar and learned from Anton Heiller.

According to Rakich's Web site, she is the Artist-in-Residence at St. Paul's Episcopal Church located in Brookline, Mass. She previously held the Artist-in-Residence position at the University of Pennsylvania and served as the Assistant University Organist at Harvard.

"She is definitely a role model," Dressler said. "She has worked at the New England Conservatory, which is one of the leading schools for music."

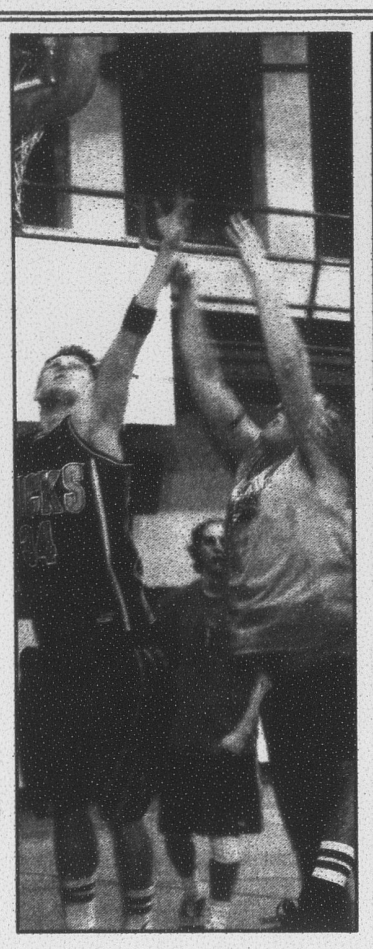
Dressler went on to state that Rakich's music combines a wide spectrum of characteristics and ideals, which truly embrace the liberal arts idea.

He encourages everyone to come to the performance in order to gain an appreciation for the organ and to hear the many different styles with which it can be played.

"I am interested to get her take on Buxtehude's music," Dressler said.

The event is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance and the Youngstown Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

"You won't want to miss what I am sure will be a wonderful evening of music," college organist Kathryn Miller said, according to the school Web site.



Photos by Chelsea Boecker

Intramural basketball jumps to a start

IM basketball has started in the Old 77 gymnasium. Contact Coach Dwayne Pavkovich x6310 for more information.

Avoid finding "Mr. or Ms. Wrong" at *Get Real*

By Jessica Davis
Campus writer

Dr. William Evans, associate professor of education, will present and give advice on the Get Real Series topic "How to Avoid Finding 'Mr./Ms.' Wrong" on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 12:35 p.m. in the Mckelvey Campus Center Club room.

The Get Real Series is a program that familiarizes students with information about life following graduation.

Each workshop focuses on important topics such as financial planning, insurance matters, consumer shopping, finding a house or an apartment, automobile advice, and how to avoid finding "Mr. or Ms. Wrong."

Although the event is free and open to all students, there are only 25 positions available and R.S.V.P. is required to attend. Lunch will be provided at no cost.

"Juniors and Seniors have been invited as the Get Real Series is a series of workshops intended to help graduating students develop life skills they will need upon graduation," Gina Vance, assistant dean of student affairs, said.

According to Evans, this seminar will center on how to pick a compatible partner and avoid an undesirable partner.

With doctorates in human development services and marriage and family counseling, Evans is aware that most couples' counseling begins with pre-marriage arrangements in meeting with a priest or pastor.

However, by that time most couples are too emotionally involved to judge incompatibilities objectively.

Without the proper resources, deciding whether or not someone is right for you is a difficult task. Evans hopes to help students identify warning signs of an unsuitable partner and essentially decide to continue a relationship or end it before emotions are affected.

"There are particular areas you can evaluate whether there is a match and if there isn't you'll be able to make a decision to pursue a relationship or end it before your heart gets involved," Evans said.

Upperclassmen are encouraged to attend the workshops in order to prepare themselves for life after graduation.

The dates and times for the remaining seminars are as follows: "Smart Shopping-- Be an Educated Consumer" on Thursday, March 1 at 12:35 p.m., "TriBeCa/SoHo, 2BR/2BA (Finding Your Next Residence)" on Thursday, March 22 at 12:35 p.m., and "Wheels and Deals!" on Thursday, April 19 at 12:35 p.m. All sessions are held in the Club room.

"I hope that the Get Real series continues to be a program available at Westminster," sophomore Jenyce Batchelor said. "Everything that isn't discussed in the classroom is covered through Get Real."

SGA NOTES

1/26 notes:

- "Cheap Seats" are now available in Duff Dining Hall.
- New library hours are now in affect and are as follows:
  Monday -Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  Friday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- On March 23, there will be a fashion show in Orr auditorium sponsored by BSU.

2/1 notes:

- The following people were elected to fill vacancies in the senate: Dan Scarlett, Cory Criss, Ian Taylor, Ann Ebhojiaye, Ashley Ray, Thokozani Mbewe, Nathan Dodd, Anthony Gomez and Erik Chesney.
- $475 was allocated to the Chemistry Club for students to attend the National Chemistry Conference in Chicago, no one opposed.
- The Wind Ensemble Concert in Orr Auditorium will be at 7:30 on Saturday, February 3.
- Congratulations to Desiree Sterling for becoming Westminster all-time leading women's basketball scorer.

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Campus News

Field Station composting effort continues

By Janie Ingersoll
Campus writer

Whether it is considered garbage collecting or an art form, the Field Station's composting process is expanding with the help of the campus and community.

Field Station Director Clarence Harms decided to use his retirement as an opportunity to give back to nature.

Harms explained that the Field Station's main purpose is to save some of the reusable and recyclable materials that are thrown away. After receiving a grant from Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection and efforts from the school and community, the Field Station is producing noticeable results.

In 2006, 226 tons of compostable resources were collected to produce 100 tons of usable soil According to howstuffworks.com, Americans generate four pounds of trash per day, which translates to 600,000 tons per day.

"No one in my family would have suspected that in retirement years, I would deliberately choose to collect and actually savor garbage," Harms said. "Composting is a way to express human feeling and emotion."

According to Harms, composting is the ecological management of microorganisms, insects and worms to break down complex carbon-based chemicals into simpler forms that are rich in nutrients and useful for mulching plants and yards. The process takes approximately four to six months to turn the compost into usable soil. Once completed, the Field Station donates the soil to plant trees, or to community members to use as potting soil.

In November, one of the goals set by the Field Station included creating a system that will make it easier for students in the townhouses to compost their food. Currently, a trashcan is set up near the townhouses for residents to dispose of compostable products, or feedstocks. So far, 32 pounds of compostables have been collected.

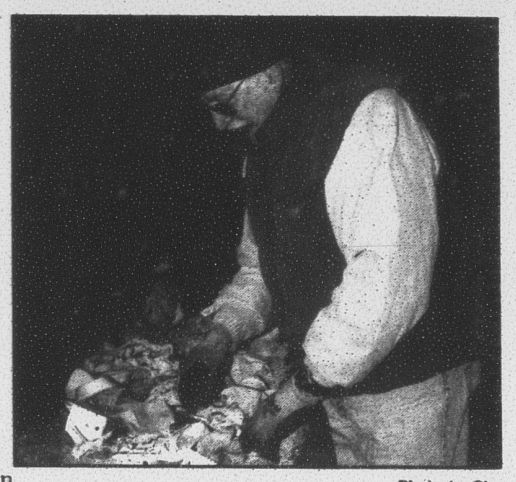
The Field Station also collects leftover food from the dining hall. Employees bag pre-consumer food waste (such as vegetable and fruit trimmings), and post-consumer food waste (such as leftover foods, tea bags, napkins, coffee grounds and filters).

"This summer was very interesting, because it was my first experience with composting," junior Vanessa Kriley said. "Even though I was elbow deep in Galbreath scraps, it did not seem so disgusting because I knew I was helping."

The Field Station is making an effort to inform the community about ways to compost in their own backyards. Several workshops are offered to community members to help them better understand composting. "Chipping parties" are also offered three times a year to allow campus and community members the opportunity to help with the composting process. Some classes are required to volunteer their services at the Field Station, or they visit to study the science of composting.

"As part of my elementary education program, we are required to volunteer at the Field Station," junior Rhiannon Mondale said. "I think it is a great opportunity to help the school and community recycle and reuse our everyday materials and natural resources."

Compostables are accepted at the Field Station every week, Saturday through Monday. Compostables that can be placed in trashcans on campus are collected daily. Signs at the Field Station will give instructions on where and how to deposit them. The next chipping party will be held in February.



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Dr. Harms sorts through a fresh load of compostable waste.

Wind Ensemble to perform

By Zachary Marsh
Campus writer

"Masque, a Celebration of Wind Music," will be presented by the wind ensemble on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The wind ensemble, conducted by Dr. R. Tad Greig, will perform such pieces as "Masque" by British composer Kenneth Hesketh, "Lux Aeterna," a haunting piece by Japanese composer Yo Goto, "A Shortcut Home" by American composer Dana Wilson and the ever-endearing "Amazing Grace" by William Hines.

The concert will also feature the college faculty woodwind quintet performing three movements of the "Concerto for Woodwind Quintet and Wind Symphony" composed by Robert Rusell, and the college brass quintet p,erforming "Tangents" by American composer John Wasson.

"These students and I have challenged one another in each and every class together. This concert depicts the amazing outcome of our collaboration and efforts with one another," Greig said.

Greig, who speaks very highly of his students, added, "These pieces are not easy and are no different than the pieces being played at larger universities."

Sophomore percussionist Ryan Kirk agrees. He thinks that by being pushed harder within the music, he is able to grow more as a musician.

"The wind ensemble is the best opportunity a talented musician has to express themselves at Westminster," Kirk said.

The featured piece, "Masque," is one Greig says "is a stunning composition that challenges every member." The chaotic frame of dance that takes place at a masquerade is heard through Hesketh's piece, "Masque," and should have the audience dancing in their seats.

Those attending the concert will leave with a deeper appreciation of music. The pieces played in the concert are an array of styles from various cultures and composers. Audience members will be able to hear new and interesting sounds not normally heard at regular band concerts.

In addition, a variety of music will be performed. "Amazing Grace" is a beautiful and simple piece, whereas "Lux Aeterna" is a much more intense piece with a very deep meaning.

To become a member of the wind ensemble, students must go through a selective audition process. These students, unlike members of other bands, volunteer to be a part of this ensemble and therefore have a deeper passion for the music that they are playing. Greig challenges the students to develop their musical talents. The students challenge him to learn and grow as a teacher, too.

Greig believes the students are able to gain experience in what it is like to accompany other musicians through playing with the faculty quintets. It is also thrilling for the campus to hear some of the faculty express their musical talents.

The "Concerto for Woodwind Quintet and Wind Symphony" will be performed by both the faculty woodwind quintet and the student wind ensemble.

This piece, which was brought to life by Pittsburgh's own American Wind Symphony, has never been played by any band before. Greig said he had to work very hard to get it for the ensemble. It is very exciting for him and the ensemble to have the opportunity to play it here.

The admission to the wind ensemble concert is free to students, faculty, and the community

Sex crime expert to speak

By Akesha N. Joseph
Staff writer

Members of the college community have collaborated in order to host Dr. Christopher Kilmartin.

Dr. Kilmartin has great experience in consulting with businesses, college students, human service workers and counselors on issues concerning sexual assault and gender issues. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and a professor at The University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, PA. He is an expert on sex crimes.

Utilizing his background as a professional stand-up comedian, Dr. Kilmartin will be performing a solo theatre piece on men's issues entitled Crimes Against Nature. The performance will be held in the Berlin Student Lounge on next Wednesday February 7 at 8 p.m. Dr. Kilmartin is a very well known expert on gender and violent prevention, making appearances at over 200 campuses and other venues. He has also participated as a consultant in the U.S Department of Education, and the United States Naval Academy.

Dr. Sandra Webster, professor of Psychology, met Dr. Kilmartin at a conference. She was very pleased with his presentation and invited him to Westminster.

"I was very impressed by how funny he was, but yet he maintained dignity for all the things and ideas that he was poking fun at. He never put people down who have certain values, and he always remained very positive in his approach," Webster said.

The Psychology Department, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of Student Affairs, Diversity Symposium, Campus Programming Committee, Peace Studies, and the Sexual Assault Task Force have all joined together in sponsoring this speaker.

Dr. Kilmartin uses a very humorous yet enlightening and educational approach in his discussions. He will be spending an entire day on campus sharing his work and research on why people are the way they are.

He will engage the campus community on four different occasions throughout the day. In the morning, Dr. Kilmartin will be appearing at Dr. Eileen Hendrickson's Intro to Acting class at 9:20 a.m. He will also be in session again at the Psychology Colloquium entitled A Social Norms Intervention for Male Sexism, at 4 p.m. in the Phillips Lecture Hall. Dr. Kilmartin will also be making an appearance at Faculty Forum.

Crimes Against Nature will be performed by Dr. Kilmartin Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge. This performance will be a stand-up comedy introduction to the issues that arise in gender and violence prevention.

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Campus News

Westminster enters Korea

Two students first from college to study in Korea

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Sophomore Jocelyn Moelk and junior Elise Woomer express their joy of South Korea in a market in the country's capital city of Seoul.

By Julie Maryan
Campus writer

After spending the fall semester studying abroad in South Korea, two students returned to campus with a new perspective about the world.

Studying at Yonsei University in Seoul, sophomore Jocelyn Moelk and junior Elise Woomer had the experience of a lifetime. Moelk and Woomer stayed in the international dorm at the university where they learned a lot from their roommates.

"My roommate was from Holland," Woomer said. "There were people from Australia and France. I was able to get to know about different cultures."

When the two students had some free time, they explored areas of South Korea. One of the places that Moelk and Woomer went to was the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), which separates North and South Korea across the whole Korean Peninsula. Visiting the DMZ and other areas in South Korea allowed Moelk and Woomer to immerse themselves in the Korean culture.

"It challenged my comfort zone," Moelk said. "I got a different experience from studying in South Korea."

Both Moelk and Woomer attribute their decision to study in South Korea to Dr. Na.

"Korea is a place that many people know very little about." Dr. Na said. "Many people only know Korea from the Korean War and the television show and movie M*A*S*H."

Choosing to study in South Korea over studying in another country opened up the world to Moelk and Woomer. Without having hardly any preparation in the language before they went to Seoul, both were able to navigate throughout the country without too much difficulty.

"There were signs that had Korean and English on them. If you went to a restaurant where they didn't have English menus, then you could ask for a picture menu," Moelk said. "I found that the Koreans were very enthusiastic to talk to me in English. I didn't have a lot of trouble communicating what I needed to."

Studying in South Korea was such a great experience for Moelk and Woomer that the girls recommend studying there or even studying abroad in any country. Dr. Jeff Bersett, director of off-campus study, agrees.

"Every student should take advantage of the study abroad program," Bersett said. "The experience itself is a payoff."

The study abroad program has many different exchange programs in numerous countries; the opportunities are endless.

"[Studying abroad] changes your life, if you're willing to take the risk," Woomer said.

For more information on studying abroad or about the different exchange programs that are available, you may contact Bersett, by setting up an appointment through Doreen Matune and calling extension 7121.

'Freedom Fighter'

Students, professors to perform in theater production

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

A reader's theater production entitled "Freedom Fighter" will be performed on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007 as tribute to a WWII heroine who spoke at Westminster in 2002.

The production will take place in the Berlin Lounge from 8-10 p.m. to honor Mary Sigillo Barraco, an American citizen, born in Belguim, who returned to her birth country during WWII as a freedom figher.

While there, she worked as an underground soldier and voluntarily placed her life on the line by housing Jews, fighting Nazi's, serving as a prisoner, and, ultimately, helping to save the country she was born in.

"She was a very brave woman and went out of her way to help a lot of people," dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman, production manager of the play, said.

The play was written by John Remmers who has long been fascinated by Sigillo Barraco's accomplishments and has honored her with museum exhibits on the east coast. He wrote the play as a tribute to Sigillo Barraco, and then passed it on to friends and Westminster Board of Trustee members, Ray and Marty Wile. The play then fell in the hands of Edman, Dr. Eileen Hendrickson, and Dr. Andrew Ade for advice and polishing tips from those who have dramaturgy experience.

"We were happy to help out Mr. Remmers with his tribute to Mary," Edman said. "We have been working on the production for about a year and are anxious to see how it plays."

Those to perform and read in the production are Dr. Fritz Horn, Dr. David Swerdlow, Dr. Richard Sprow, Dr. Peter Smith, Ms. Erin Smith, Mr. Eugene DeCaprio, Dr. Sandra Webster, Dr. Jeffrey Bersett, Dr. Jess Mann, Joshua Anderson, and Tracy Harmon. Christian Na, son of Dr. Na, and Rebecca Swerdlow, daughter of Dr. Swerdlow, will also have parts in the performance.

The play was transformed from its original version as a screenplay to a reader's theater production, which includes a narrator to tell the story being acted out, and a pictorial slide show to further assists scenes. Edman emphasized that the play is being performed as a "test-run" to determine how the audience will comprehend the material, and generally react to the performance.

"Mr. Remmers will be available after the performance to take any compliments, advice, or any kind of feedback from the audience," Edman said. "This is mostly a preview to see what the audience thinks."

Sigillo Barraco, the subject of the play, was only 16 when she went to Belgium as a freedom fighter in the 1940s. She relied on her faith in God to endure a Gestapo arrest, a torturous prison sentence, the execution of her fiancé, and other grueling ordeals. She is still alive today and Remmers hopes to show her a taping of his production once it is finalized.

Protest

Green Party protests in D.C.

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to the commencement of the March.

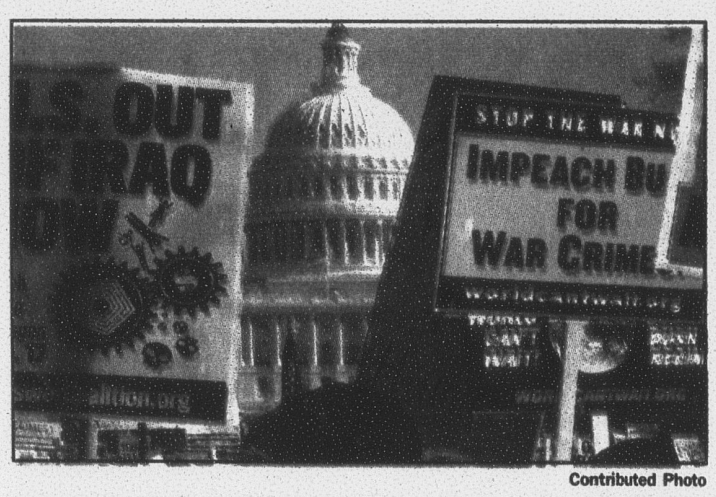
"Lois and I actually got interviewed while we were looking at a particularly startling display of the cost of the war," junior Ben Knauff said.

Throughout the entire day, protestors took on a number of chants. One such chant included people pointing to themselves and screaming, "This is democracy," then subsequently pointing to the Capitol and screaming, "That is hypocrisy."

"We were truly representing what it is to live in a democracy," junior Lois Tolvinski said.

A group of about 40 people gathered at the Mall to protest the March.

This was the first protest that the Green Party attended this year; however, in the past the Party has been much more active, participating in several campus demonstrations and off campus protests. When the Party was initially founded in the spring of 2002, it was the first political organization on campus. Shortly after the founding of the Green Party, the College Republicans and College Democrats were founded.



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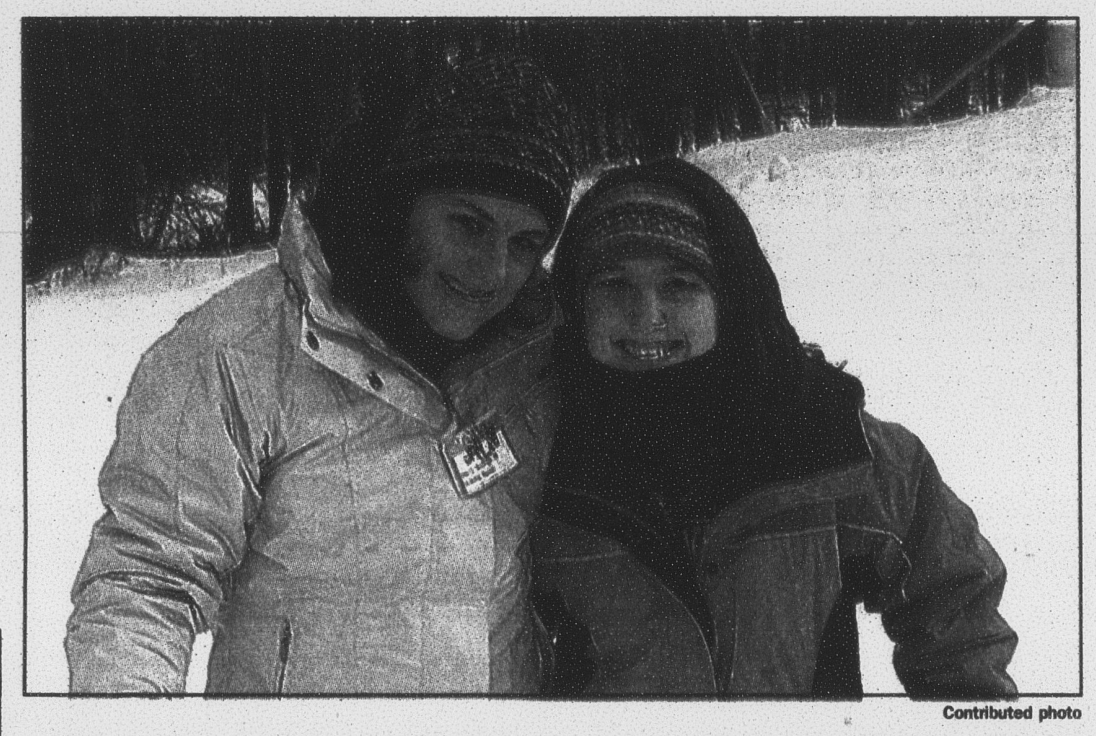
Protest signs wave in front of the Capitol.

The Green Party is striving to become more active again as it had been in the past.

"I think it's really important to have as many views as possible represented on campus," Danney said. "We're representing anti-war, feminist, and environmentalist positions that are stronger than before."

The Green Party meets every Wednesday at 4:15 in the Wile Conference Room.

Ski club planning activities



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Sophomores Leslie Bollibon and Nicky Piszczor smile during the Ski and Snowboard Club's recent trip.

By Tom Campagna
Campus writer

As the semester begins and the temperature continues to drop, the Ski and Snowboard Club is in full stride to begin hitting the slopes.

The ski club is now in season and full of ideas. This past Friday the club traveled to Big Boulder and Jack Frost Ski Resort, located in the Pocono Mountains.

The club stayed at the Poconos where they huddled around warm fires in the Big Boulder townhouses. About 13 students and guests stayed in each townhouse, and the club rented out 3 total town houses for this trip.

"Ski Club has given me the opportunity to ski at places and resorts that I normally would not ski at on my own." senior Val Sylves said.

According to junior and president of the Ski Club, Ashley Ray, the club is provided by the campus as a chance to ski at different ski resorts and meet new people. The club is made up of 42 students on campus and also encourages non members to join the fun.

The organization has a 10 dollar fee for members, which includes bus transportation to and from the resorts, while also giving members discounted group lift tickets and ski rentals. Non-members are expected to pay the 10 dollar fee per ski trip that they attend.

"It is hard for people in college to get to ski resorts on their own time," Ray said. "For us to continue to plan day trips helps get that possibility out there and makes for a good time."

Thus far, Ray is pleased with the structure and organization of the club.

"Our advisor Dave Smith has been very helpful with planning over night trips due to his experience at multiply ski resorts," Ray said. "This helps the ski club stay organized and fun."

According to Sylves, new skiers do not have to worry about learning to ski. There are ski lessons at every trip so that beginners can learn fast and tackle the slopes like pros.

"I think that the Westminster Ski Club has a wonderful program and is very fun for students to get away for a weekend or a day to enjoy the beautiful scenery," sophomore Megan Alexander said.

Also according to Ray, the Ski Club is planning on traveling to Seven Springs Ski Resort on February 10 and Holiday Valley February 17.

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Friday

High
Low
Mostly cloudy with some snow

High 20°
Low 2
Colder with some snow

High 14°
Low -1
Frigid with snow showers

High 10°
Low -4
Very cold with flurries

High 12°
Low 4
Frigid with snow showers

High 21°
Low 9
Mostly cloudy and very cold

High 23°
Low 17
Rather cloudy and cold

Weather History

Gusty wind surged through the Great Lakes region and into western Pennsylvania on Feb. 2, 1983. It was so windy that Punxsutawney Phil had a hard time holding on to his shadow.

Regional Cities

City	Fri Hi	Fri Lo	Fri W	Sat Hi	Sat Lo	Sat W	Sun Hi	Sun Lo	Sun W	Mon Hi	Mon Lo	Mon W	Tue Hi	Tue Lo	Tue W
Akron, OH	31	9	sn	13	3	sn	10	0	sf	7	-5	sf	6	6	sf
Butler, PA	34	12	sn	20	4	sf	13	1	sf	11	-3	sf	10	5	sf
Cambridge, OH	34	10	sf	24	4	sf	16	3	sf	14	-3	sf	11	6	sf
Canton, OH	31	11	sn	16	4	sn	14	1	sf	7	-5	sf	7	6	sf
Cincinnati, OH	34	11	sf	25	8	sf	22	9	sf	17	-3	c	14	7	pc
Clarion, PA	32	12	sn	17	1	sf	12	-1	sf	9	-6	sf	9	3	sf
Clarksburg, WV	37	16	sn	19	9	c	15	7	sf	17	2	sf	9	7	sf
Cleveland, OH	29	11	sn	16	5	sn	10	3	sf	7	-3	sf	8	8	sf
Columbus, OH	26	12	sf	18	5	sn	14	5	sf	13	-4	sf	8	6	sf
Cumberland, MD	39	18	sn	24	8	sf	23	7	sf	18	2	sf	17	6	sf
Erie, PA	29	15	sn	17	7	sf	11	2	sf	8	0	sf	9	1	sf
Franklin, PA	33	10	sn	18	2	sf	12	0	sf	10	-5	sf	10	4	sf
Greensburg, PA	36	15	sn	17	5	sf	16	1	sf	13	-1	sf	11	5	sf
Greenville, PA	31	10	sn	18	1	sf	12	-1	sf	8	-5	sf	9	4	sf
Grove City, PA	33	11	sn	20	2	sf	14	0	sf	12	-4	sf	11	5	sf
Hagerstown, MD	37	19	sf	29	10	pc	20	4	pc	16	-2	sf	14	3	pc
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Oil City, PA	31	10	sn	17	2	sf	11	-1	sf	8	-5	sf	9	4	sf
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Somerset, PA	31	11	sn	12	1	sf	5	1	sf	3	-7	sf	2	1	sf
Steubenville, OH	34	14	sn	22	6	sf	13	3	sf	12	-2	sf	12	5	sf
Uniontown, PA	38	16	sn	20	6	sf	17	4	sf	14	0	sf	11	5	sf
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Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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The number of students residing in Berlin Village Townhouses

Source: Student Affairs

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Morning flurries, 16/8

Saturday

Cloudy and breezy with snow, 27/13

Sunday

Windy and cold with snow, 28/6

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Village people

Students to learn next year's townhouse residents

By Brian Carbone
Campus writer

As the semester moves along, so do the steps in housing for next year, as current sophomores and juniors vie for townhouse spots.

The newly-constructed Berlin Village remains the most prominent spot for on-campus housing for upperclassmen in good standing.

With four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a full kitchen, each townhouse is a prime spot for many students as a way to gain more independence while remaining on campus.

"We have two sophomores and two juniors in our group of four which leaves us at a disadvantage to gaining status, but we feel that with our small judicial history and fair GPA we still have a chance to get in," sophomore Victoria Borrelli said.

The selection process for getting into the townhouses is one that incorporates different aspects of the students' history at the college and provides a point system. Points are given for the number of semesters a student has lived on-campus with an additional point given for students who have a GPA over 3.0.

Points are deducted according to judicial history excluding freshman year. One point is taken away for a violation of college policy and two points are deducted for a violation of a local, state, or federal law. The number of credit hours a student possesses has no affect on his or her acceptance.

Photo by Katie Chandley

The snow-covered townhouses will soon have occupants for next school year.

According to Assistant Dean and member of residence life staff Gina Vance, there are currently 44 females and 16 males living in the 15 townhouses. The determining factor for how many male and female spots are granted comes from the ratio of females to males on campus. Right now, that ratio is approximately 3-to-1 in favor of the females.

The selection process and point system evolved from collaboration between George Berlin, other administration employees and a planning group of SGA representatives. The reasoning for such a system was to make the Berlin Village a place for the "cream of the crop."

Also, statistics show there is much less vandalism caused by seniors than by underclassmen. This is yet another reason why the majority of the townhouses available are granted to seniors. The decision literally comes down to the wire when trying to grant students approval.

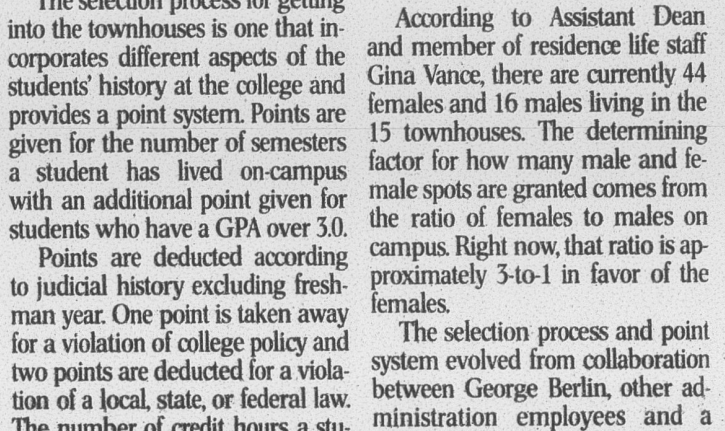
"I see good groups of students miss getting in by tenths of a point and that's the saddest feeling in the world," Vance said.

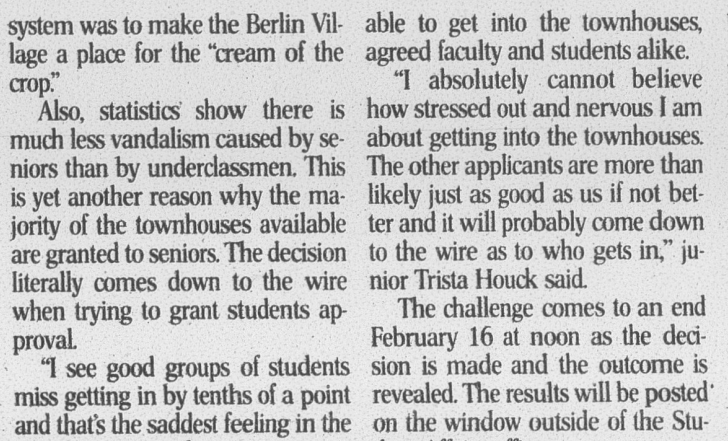
It's more than a challenge to be able to get into the townhouses, agreed faculty and students alike.

"I absolutely cannot believe how stressed out and nervous I am about getting into the townhouses. The other applicants are more than likely just as good as us if not better and it will probably come down to the wire as to who gets in," junior Trista Houck said.

The challenge comes to an end February 16 at noon as the decision is made and the outcome is revealed. The results will be posted on the window outside of the Student Affairs office.

Scrawl to hold art show





Photos by Katie Chandley

Junior Julie Tvaruzek readies paintings for *Scrawl*'s art show next week. Submitted artwork will be on display near the McKelvey Campus Center information desk. Visitors can vote for their favorite piece and see the results in *Scrawl*.

Student awarded public relations scholarship

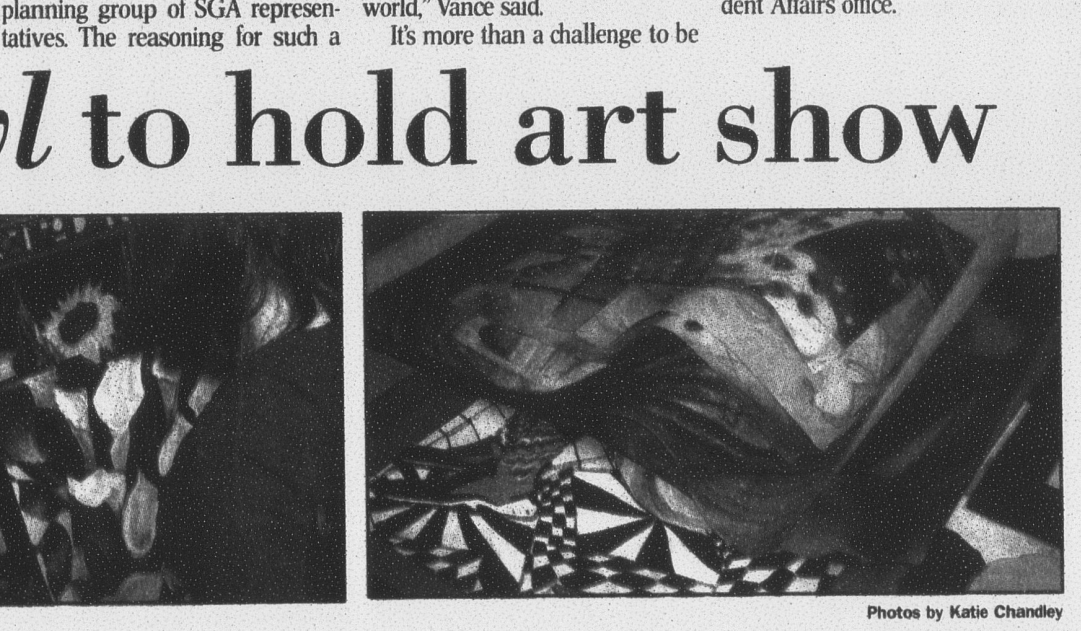
By Joey Knott
Staff writer

Senior Sherri Slafka received a public relations scholarship award earlier this semester at the 2007 Renaissance Awards held in Pittsburgh.

Slafka was the winner of the 2007 Bob O'Gara Scholarship Award for $1,000, an award given annually by the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Slafka attended the ceremony held at the Omni William Penn Hotel along with department chair Dr. Wastvedt, Dr. Perkins and Mrs. Natale. The award was just one of many given by the PRSA that night. Slafka's scholarship, however, was the only honor presented to a student.

"This award carries a lot of prestige in our profession," Slafka said concerning the Bob O'Gara Scholarship, a distinction to which she has aspired since her freshman year.

The Bob O'Gara Scholarship Award, formerly the PRSA Renaissance Scholarship Award for Public Relations, is offered to students of public relations from colleges all over western Pennsylvania, including the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Grove City College, Duquesne University and Point Park University.



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Front: Senior and last year's recipient Kristan Kohley, senior and this year's recipient Sherri Slafka, Jenny Gross '99 and Mrs. Delores Natale '01.

Back row: Dr. James Perkins, former *The Holcad* editor Megan Sigler '05 and Dr. Ross Wastvedt.

Chairs from English and public relations departments from each of the colleges chose a student believed to be most deserving of the award. Three members of the campus department nominated three students as possible candidates, Slafka being one.

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SAA to host Mardi Gras

By Akesha N. Joseph
Staff writer

Mardi Gras is a time of fun, games, prizes, and lots of beads.

The Student Alumni Association will be holding its annual Mardi Gras celebration Friday, Feb. 16 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the McKelvey Witherspoon Rooms.

Mardi Gras is a time for the Westminster community to "have a period where clubs and activities can get their names out to students and the community," said Aimee Gerber, secretary of SAA.

Throughout out the night there will be roughly 200 to 300 people enjoying fun and games put on by various campus groups and student organizations. Each group or student organization will have a booth that contains games, prizes, and candy for the students and community to enjoy.

There are 24 clubs and organizations creating booths for Mardi Gras this year. This includes four sororities and one fraternity, as well as clubs such as Dance Theatre, Lambda Sigma, Newman Club, Psychology Club, and the International Cultures Club.

There will be a countless number of events scheduled to take place, including face painting, caricatures, henna-tattooing, and mask decorating, along with food and refreshments. The cost to take part in each event ranges from 25 cents to one dollar. All are welcome to join in the event.

At 7 p.m. the night of the event, the king and queen of Mardi Gras will be crowned, followed by booth judging at 7:30 p.m. Every year three booths are chosen as the greatest booths at Mardi Gras. The judging will be conducted by three students and faculty. The first place prize winner will receive $30 for their organization, the second place winner will receive $20, and the third place winner will receive $10.

The Mardi Gras celebration will conclude with Titan's Tavern at 9 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge featuring J.D. Eicher.

Dorms to be improved

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

College officials have been taking both small and large steps to lay down the specifics of future residence hall improvements.

The student surveys have been analyzed, and many of the future improvements have been identified. Currently, both the physical plant and student affairs are waiting for the price estimates, so that they may prioritize them individually. The entire project is slated to begin in the summer of 2008.

The key word is improvements, not renovations. Though many students are holding out for a brand new residence hall, or an "extreme makeover" to a current dorm, these are not in the college's future.

Instead, the improvement project is focused more on updating the current conditions of the buildings. Many of the improvements have nothing to do with the buildings' aesthetics, but rather the overlooked infrastructure, such as the updating of fire equipment.

Students, although, can be assured that their pleas for new carpeting and air conditioning have been and will be taken into consideration. But more realistically, students can hope for small changes like a roof over the Jeffers entrance and more cubbies in communal restrooms.

Physical Plant director Owen Wagner stresses that this entire project is made up of three important steps.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

We're baaaack!

Will we EVER be able to take showers in Galbreath?

No, tunneling's out.

In THIS country...

I'm the guy who does his job. YOU must be the other guy.

I was in the kitchen, and I heard it, so I came out!

What's with all the Sprite cans??

No...seriously...no...SERIOUSLY....

I slept with a poster last night.

Estoy enferma!!!!!

Is anyone else tired of that Hinder song yet?

I don't want a pickle; I just want to ride on my motorsickle!

"Not so much wonderful as perfect."

It should probably be called "crapstone."

Short sleeves or long sleeves?

ALGEBRAIC!

I heart sliding down to the field house, don't you?

I miss my spanish friends!

IT LOOKS LIKE ERIE OUTSIDE!!

Stirfry p0wns quiche!!

I'm a sailor peg, and I LOST MY LEG!

I'm on the air? I don't believe you.

You still wish you knew about the FOPWOP.

Halfway done with February!!

Hoops and YoYo are cool kids.

I'll have the spaghetti basket. just the, uh, spaghetti basket, please.

I know what meta means!

Oh SNAP!

I love irish dancing!

I can't see the appropriate line anymore.

You have failed me for the last time, Captain Morgan.

These eyes were make for checkin' you out, baby.

This feeling, so different. It's not new; no, I've felt it before, but not for a very long time.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Sun is better than snow: Part 2

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

As I write this, the outside world is being pelted with wind, snow, and misery. I have heard a rumor that Westminster is the only open school in western Pa., which I know is completely fallacious. Several have suggested that I rant on the topic.

I will not do so, outside of mentioning the lack of hot water on Eich South this morning, and my tendency to grow angry over such things.

As Bryan Peck used to say, "It could be worse, you could be on fire."

As the arctic tundra settles, I can't help but think about all of the people who swear that this is the greatest place on Earth.

"These people are idiots," I think, trying to regain feeling in my toes. "They have no idea what other places are like."

Perhaps there is no one place that is the "greatest". Perhaps there are many. I do notice that the people who like this weather the most are the ones who do not often drive in inclement weather.

"Oh no, it might snow. Better not drive my car, else I might not be able to go on about how pretty snow is."

I guess that the snow is very beautiful, and a little cold is worth it, but I grow weary of Mother Nature getting in the way of day-to-day life.

And if I encounter you on my roadways, you had best know what you are doing. I do not take kindly to tailgating or creeping along at five miles an hour.

Some of you may feel that going faster than that is dangerous, and I would like to suggest that you forfeit your vehicle for the rest of the winter.

I guess I should get to the point. Snow is fun. Snow is dangerous. Human beings were never meant to survive in temperatures such as these.

There are portions of the country where the weather has yet to drop below sixty degrees. Sure, these places may have summer temperatures in excess of one-twenty, but those temperatures are six months away.

Perhaps I need a summer home in Pittsburgh, and a winter home somewhere nice.

Bill is a senior computer science major. He enjoys tea, the work of Kurt Vonnegut, and midnight trips to Sheetz.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constituent or Not: College Students' Role in the Community

Last week, Professor Emeritus Joseph Hopkins implicitly questioned whether college students, who are "here today, gone tomorrow," should be able to vote in a borough election. If we extended this rationale and disenfranchised all of those who live in a given district for less than four years, 46% of citizens would lose the ability to vote (US Census Bureau Internal Migration Data).

Fortunately, the State of Pennsylvania disagrees with Hopkins' implications on voting rights and stipulates that even "…college students are permitted under State law to register in the locality at which they are attending a college or university" given 30 days residence (Op. Atty. Gen., No. 64, 1971). It seems strange that Dr. Hopkins would challenge this opinion 36 years later.

While we all know that his letter was written in response to the alcohol referendum, we should note that this isn't the first time that Dr. Hopkins has challenged who can participate in the Westminster and New Wilmington communities.

He has a long history of suggesting exclusion for those who are different than him. When students questioned widespread homophobia on campus, Dr. Hopkins implied that homosexuality was "wicked" and should not be tolerated in the campus community (*Holcad* 11/10/2000). When students questioned an enormous scholarship program for those of a particular religious affiliation, Dr. Hopkins implied that college "guests" should have no voice in college policy (*Holcad*, 4/28/2006). Are exclusion and silence Westminster values?

Westminster College as an institution does not agree with Hopkins' implicit and explicit arguments. Westminster's mission statement specifically encourages students to "develop and demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to neighbor, […] reason logically and evaluate critically [and] apply our knowledge to contemporary issues." This implies that students ought to be productive members of the campus and town communities, regardless of their political views or where they happen to be living–including New Wilmington.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "the surface of American society is covered with a layer of democratic paint, but from time to time one can see the old aristocratic colours breaking through." We earnestly hope that Dr. Hopkins is not trying to discourage students from voting. Whether or not you register to vote in New Wilmington, as students you are members of the Westminster and New Wilmington communities.

As members of these communities, you have a right to get involved.

Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling
Class of 2006

Students' vote is for posterity more than the present

Dr. Joseph Hopkins, Emeritus Professor of Religion, wrote a simple but thought provoking editorial on whether it is "fair" for temporary student residents to vote on permanent changes to local ordinances – in this case whether New Wilmington should remain dry. Though he does not state his opinion, it seems clear to me that he is implying that letting the students vote is not fair to the permanent residents. Students will be "here today, gone tomorrow", and not live with the long term results.

I ask the professor and all others why they vote. Do you vote for today or do you vote for the future? Do you vote only for yourself or do you vote for your children and the good of society? If you vote for your children, their future and the good of society, then you are living for tomorrow, whether you anticipate being there or not. By voting for tomorrow, we show that we care about what life will be like for those coming after us. We show that we care about our governments' priorities, deficit spending, social security, global warming, ozone, pollution, oil dependency and more, even though some of those who vote will be dead before some of these issues would critically affect their lives. We consider those who will come after us, and the quality of their lives.

I say let the students vote. They are voting for those who follow in their footsteps.

David C. Smith
Assistant Professor of Accounting

Who cares what you think?

We do!

Do you think that students should vote *for* or *against* the upcoming alcohol sales referendum? Do you think students should vote on it at all?

Send us a letter at **holcad@westminster.edu**. Be sure to follow the LETTER TO THE EDITOR guidelines below.

Senior Gifts to be Considered

I asked one of my senior friends the other day if they were planning on giving a Senior Class Gift and they looked at me doubtfully and asked why I had decided to give back. It's really quite simple: it's not about the amount of money you give (because I certainly don't have any of that laying around).

Rather, it is the intent behind the gift that counts. When I look back on my 4 years here at Westminster it amazes me to think of everything I will be leaving with in May: an education, a diploma (hopefully), meaningful friendships not only with my peers but with my professors, and most importantly, a better idea of who I am.

The college experience helps shape who you are going to be upon entering the real world, and I would not have been at Westminster if it weren't for the generosity of others.

And honestly, who can say that helping others doesn't make you feel good? I have been involved with several different philanthropic events at Westminster over the years and those events mark some of my favorite times here. There really is no better feeling than knowing that you are making a difference and helping others who don't have the means to help themselves.

To those of you who feel you have given this school enough of your time and money already, my response to you would be to look at what you are leaving here with. Westminster has helped each and every one of us lay a solid foundation for a bright and successful future. Think of all the opportunities and doors that have been opened for us by attending here.

We are blessed with the unique opportunity to attend a school where you are more than just a number: the people around us truly do care about us and I would like to do all that I can to ensure that the caring and supportive atmosphere that has fostered me over the past 4 years stays this way.

To quote John Mayer, "I believe that my life's gonna see the love I give return to me."

If that is the case, then why not start now by giving a little or a lot to a place that has already given you so much and will continue to do so for many others in the future?

Sarah Spardy
Senior Class Gift Committee

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NATIONAL

Navy refuses to comply with environmental restriction

HONOLULU (AP) - The Navy says it won't comply with sonar training restrictions that aim to protect marine mammals off the California coast, arguing that the commission that imposed the rules does not have the jurisdiction to do so.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet said in a statement Monday that the California Coastal Commission's rules cannot be applied beyond the scope of state waters, three nautical miles from shore.

"The Navy does not take lightly our responsibility to the environment and marine life," said Vice Adm. Barry Costello, commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet in San Diego. "And we can be responsible environmental stewards while our sonar operators receive realistic training and experience at sea they need."

The Navy has been using sonar during training exercises off the California coast for decades, a practice that critics say can injure whales and other sea mammals. Last year, it sought permission for the exercises from the commission as part of new internal guidelines to ensure major exercises are environmentally sound.

The commission agreed to the exercises last month. But it also imposed restrictions on use of mid-frequency active sonar in a zone the Navy said was outside the commission's jurisdiction.

Mark Delaplaine, a project analyst for the commission, said members might take up the issue later in the week.

"We've got some stuff to think about and figure out as to what a proper response would be," he said.

Environmentalists on Tuesday criticized the Navy's decision, accusing it of denying the commission's authority to protect mammals off its coast. The Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group that has sued to stop other Navy sonar training, vowed to sue if the coastal commission does not.

"The notion that the commission is pre-empted from protecting marine mammals off the California coast is not only without any legal basis but it is in direct contradiction to the fact that the commission has been doing exactly that for decades under the federal law protecting our coasts," said Joel Reynolds of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Environmentalists say whales have stranded themselves on beaches after being exposed to high-intensity mid-frequency sonar. The sonar is also claimed to interfere with the ability of marine mammals to navigate, hunt, take care of their offspring and avoid predators.

The Navy acknowledges mid-frequency active sonar can contribute to marine mammal injury, or even death. It says it takes steps to protect marine mammals, such as posting lookouts on board to watch for marine mammals nearby.

REGIONAL

First major snowstorm blankets PA

(AP) - The first major winter storm swept into Pennsylvania on Tuesday, closing schools, halting business in the General Assembly and creating a slushy mess on ice- and salt-covered roads.

Light, fluffy flakes pelted the ground, with the National Weather Service warning that northern counties could see up to 18 inches of snow -- and possibly as much as 2 feet at higher elevations -- by the storm's expected end on Wednesday.

Parts of Somerset County received 4 inches by mid-afternoon, and at least 2 to 3 inches had fallen in most other parts of central and western Pennsylvania from the storm moving west to east. The zoo and PPG Aquarium in Pittsburgh shut down and officials there weren't planning to reopen until Thursday.

Many schools in the state that weren't already closed for the day sent their students home early. Some college students got a break, too, when a number of campuses shut down in the afternoon. Penn State University's main campus in State College delayed the start of classes Wednesday by two hours.

Roads were slick in many spots. UPMC Bedford Memorial hospital in Everett, for example, reported receiving an "overload" of patients due to numerous accidents.

Despite plunging temperatures in recent weeks, much of Pennsylvania had eluded heavier snowfalls this winter, except for the Erie area's persistent lake-effect squalls and isolated storms in other parts of northern Pennsylvania.

Not this week.

From Pittsburgh to the Poconos and points in between, every Pennsylvanian was expected to get a dose of winter weather just in time for Valentine's Day.

The state's two largest airports, Philadelphia's and Pittsburgh's, were open Tuesday and reported no major problems. Allegheny County Airport Authority spokeswoman JoAnn Jenny said some Pittsburgh flights had been canceled due to bad weather, and Philadelphia International Airport spokesman Mark Pesce said delays there were largely due to weather elsewhere in the country.

In Harrisburg, a special House panel reviewing changes in the way the Legislature operates met for a couple hours on Tuesday but canceled a Wednesday meeting amid fears of worsening conditions.

A southwest-to-northeast line from around Chambersburg to just north of Harrisburg to Pottsville served as a boundary of sorts. Points to the north and west of that would probably see more snow, while points to the south and east would likely see more of a wintry mix of snow and sleet, said National Weather Service forecaster Mike Connelly in State College.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Mercer County Man Accused of Attacking a Woman in Her Home

A 19-year old Mercer County man remains in jail on $30,000 bond accused sexually assaulting a woman in a house he's also accused of burglarizing. State Police say James David Gilkey broke into a Lackawannock Township home searching for money and drugs early Friday morning. He's also accused of attacking a woman sleeping inside the home at the time of the burglary. The woman fought back. Gilkey fled the scene with $50 and crashed his vehicle into a snowbank

Cable TV Giant Reaching for Little New Wilmington

The New Wilmington community and Westminster College could see a change when it comes to cable television service. New Wilmington council members are discussing a proposal to sell the borough's small cable system to one of the country's biggest cable companies--Comcast. Comcast approached the borough last year about a buyout plan. During this week's meeting council members discussed ways of presenting the buyout proposal to the public. Council also discussed what kind of changes residents could face when it comes to service and pricing. Late last year Comcast took over part of the bankrupt Adelphia cable system including most of systems serving Lawrence County including New Castle. In addition to the local cable system, the borough of New Wilmington owns and operates its own electric and water departments.

INTERNATIONAL

Preteen superhero 'Food Dudes' convince Irish kids to eat more fruits, vegetables

LONDON (AP) - Like TV cartoon characters pitching sugary children's cereal, the Food Dudes of Ireland pitch food, too. Only it's carrots and broccoli.

The Food Dudes are preteen actors playing superheroes in an educational video series shown in some Irish schools. They battle General Junk, who steals healthy food, robbing the world of its life force.

The superheroes not only win on video _ they win in the school cafeteria, too. Kids who watch the videos began eating more fruits and vegetables. Now, Ireland is expanding this 150-school pilot program to the whole country.

"In some respects, we use the same techniques as multinationals selling junk food, but we're on the side of the angels," said Dr. Fergus Lowe, a University of Wales psychologist who was part of the team that devised the effort.

The Food Dudes series uses peer pressure, peer modeling and a reward system to get kids to shun unhealthy foods. Prizes like small toys, pencils and pens are an enticement. And the superheroes are slightly older than their viewers, making them believable role models. Each character gets super powers from one of four healthy foods -- broccoli, carrots, tomatoes and raspberries.

In Ireland's pilot program, which began in 2005, children aged 2 to 11, doubled the amount of fruits and vegetables eaten and in some cases boosted consumption of such foods by 10 to 14 times, the organizers say.

In one primary school, the fruit consumption of 5- and 6-year-olds more than doubled. The kids were originally eating 28 percent of the fruit given them; six months later they were eating nearly 60 percent. Vegetable consumption jumped from 8 percent to 32 percent.

In a control school, where the program was not used, no change in fruit or vegetable consumption was noted.

Lowe and his colleagues found the most dramatic results in fussy eaters. Children who were initially the most reluctant to eat fruits and veggies made the biggest gains.

In one study published in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, the children who ate the least amount of fruits and vegetables went from eating just 4 percent and 11 percent of their fruits and vegetables respectively to 68 percent and 48 percent.

The World Health Organization recently honored Food Dudes with a best practices award. The program was funded by the Irish government, the European Union Commission and Unilever, the world's second-largest food and detergent maker.

England is experimenting with the Food Dudes in schools in London and Plymouth.

"People had assumed that it would be very difficult to make fruits and vegetables appealing to children, but Food Dudes has proven that that's not true," said Dr. Francesco Branca, WHO's European adviser for nutrition and food security, who is not involved in the program.

Inspired by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, Britain has recently been moving aggressively to improve the quality of school food.

In 2005, the government announced it would bar school cafeterias from serving hamburgers and hot dogs loaded low-quality meats and fillers. Beginning in September, soft drinks, chocolate bars and potato chips will be outlawed from school vending machines.

The poor quality of school food first rose to the national consciousness thanks to Oliver's TV series "Jamie's School Dinners," which shocked Britons by showing them exactly what kids were eating at school.

Political Pong: the best and worst of 2006

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

As Americans, we have created an award for every possible thing known to mankind. From the Oscars to the MTV Music Video Awards to MLB All-Star game, we are always honoring someone as the best in his or her field. Politics should be no different. This week Carsen and I have decided to hand our own awards for all things political.

Best Political News Station- CNN

Coverage of election nights since 2000 has been sketchy at best with certain news stations, which shall remain nameless here, taking too many liberties in their coverage by not remaining unbiased. I watched numerous channels on Election Night 2006 and was surprised by how much better the coverage seemed. One station stood out over the rest though, and that was CNN. Their coverage on television and the internet was complete and accurate. Also, CNN had multiple consultants analyzing the results as they came in. One of those consultants was James Carville. Who wouldn't want to watch election coverage by a man nicknamed the "Ragin' Cajun?"

Best Political TV Show- Colbert Report

Unlike a real news station, Stephen Colbert's show can cut through the political correctness of politics to show what is really happening. There is no way anyone should make the *Colbert Report* their primary news source, but if more people were as laid back as he is, the world would be a lot less stressful. All guests that come on his show are greeted with a smile and then drilled on their topic of expertise. Colbert's humorous take on political events serves to show that sometimes we as Americans overreact to political events occurring around the nation. Maybe that was too serious an explanation for why he deserves the award, so on the lighter side, did I mention he's funny.

Best Overall Politician- Barack Obama

He was relatively unknown until he ran for a Senate seat in Illinois. After dominating the competition in 2004, he has never looked back. Pegged early as a potential presidential candidate for 2008, it is now assumed that it is only a matter of time until he will officially announce his intentions to run for president. There are skeptics that say he is too young to be president, but there is no way you can count him out just yet. The 2004 elections were disastrous for the Democrats, but there was one bright ray of hope that came from them. Barack has the energy and enthusiasm to lead the Democrats back to the White House.

Best Guy From the Other Side- John McCain

The 2006 election proved that America is very polarized about political issues. Teamwork between the parties has been slim in past years, but there is one politician from the Republican Party that gives me hope. John McCain has remained fairly open-minded and willing to work towards the best policies even if it means crossing party lines. If he is the Republican candidate for president in 2008, he would pull a fair amount of moderate Democrats and actually would have a decent chance of winning. The problem is that his chances of winning a Republican primary are terrible because he has not blindly followed party lines.

Biggest Political Blunder- Rumsfeld's Resignation

The Republican Party did not make this category easy, but the entire process surrounding Rumsfeld's resignation was mind-boggling. Let me compare this to a Dick Cheney hunting trip. You go hunting with Dick Cheney, and a bear in the forest bites off your leg on the first day of the trip. For some unknown reason, you decide to continue with your hunting trip and then get shot in the foot by a man from your own political party. So now, outside forces have wounded you, and your own party has shot you too.

The elections had just gone poorly for the Republicans, and then suddenly, Rumsfeld resigned. It is not clear why Rumsfeld waited until after the elections to resign. All sources were pointing towards a Republican loss in the upcoming election, and had Rumsfeld resigned in the week leading up to the election, some votes may have been swung in crucial states.

Honorable mention for this category: Mark Foley Scandal.

Well, there you have it, folks, the best and worst of politics in 2006.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

I'm not one of those girls that follows celebrities too closely. When Nick and Jessica broke up I lost all hope in Hollywood. If they couldn't stay together, hell, I'm not sure anyone can. And the Brangelina thing? Yeah. Just too much for me too handle.

This attitude puts me in the college female minority. So this past Sunday when the Grammys aired I was one of the very few on my sorority suite not glued to the television. While everyone else is interested in the pop album of the year, I'm interested in what song made the most political impact.

In the name of the awards season, let's give out some kudos to some of my favorite political moments.

Best Politician: Rudy Giuliani

I have a special place in my heart for Rudy. As a Republican and the former mayor of New York City, he's got a decent chance of securing the party's nomination for president in 2008. I have every confidence that Rudy can tackle almost everything after leading the city through September 11th. While he may not be the best foreign policy expert, the improvements he made in New York before and after the tragedy demonstrate his ability to work on things on the home front, an area that has been somewhat brushed aside with the country's other obligations. Rudy is a normal guy and could be an inspiring leader for the United States.

Best Television Show: The Colbert Report

Stephen Colbert may be my new personal Buddha. I hardly ever watched the *Daily Show* (I know this is a collegiate sin), but I was recommended the *Report* by a friend a few weeks after it started and have been hooked ever since. Not only is the man a hysterical genius, but he tackles prominent issues. If those issues are ridiculous, he takes them over the top, and if they're serious, he still takes them over the top. I'm a proud member of the Colbert Nation, and you probably should be too.

Biggest Political Blunder: John Kerry and the Troops

"You know, education, if you make the most of it and you study hard and you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq." If you didn't think there was anything wrong with that quote, read it again. No matter how the former presidential candidate meant it, it came across the news wires as an anti-troop statement. Anything that can be construed as such immediately alienates families across the country. Kerry lost a lot of support over this and never really recovered. I'm not sure he ever will.

Best Political Song: "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" – Toby Keith

I know this isn't even close to recent, but most artists don't write songs that promote the war. Toby wrote this song after September 11th, and it became controversial because of lyrics such as, "We'll put a boot in your ass, it's the American way." I personally love it. It demonstrates the mindset of most Americans right after the event. Some oversensitive people took it way over the top. Freedom of speech? It goes both ways, folks.

Best Political News Station: FOX News

Do I even need to explain this? FOX News is an escape from the rest of the liberal media, an oasis for those looking for the truth. With Bill O'Reilly leading the way, FOX is the first to shed light on the real issues. I love it (This in no way reflects FOX's horrible sports coverage… that could use some improvement).

Best Guy From the Other Side: Barack Obama

I have to give props to the young Senator who decided he's running for president. While I don't agree with his anti-war stance or many of his other policy beliefs, he's taking initiative and moving on past the slack he's getting from not only members of opposing parties, but members of the Democratic party as well. I could like this guy simply because he's running against the most evil woman in politics, but I actually think he's a good Senator.

For now, these are the winners. You might agree with these, you might not. But that's the beauty of politics: arguing. You can't get the Grammy judges to change their minds, but you might be able to change mine.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Passion, Pasta, Pistols

CPC sponsors murder mystery dinner

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Colonel Mustard, in the conservatory, with the candlestick?

No, it wasn't a rousing game of Clue, but rather the Murder Mystery Dinner sponsored by the Campus Programming Council (CPC).

The event, entitled "Passion, Pasta, and Pistols" not only kept students well-fed with salad, baked pasta and dessert, but also perplexed them in regard to "Whodunnit?" and "Whydunnit?" Over eighty students attended the semi-formal dinner on Sunday, Feb. 10. Kelly Corbin, CPC Chair, said the night was an overall success.

"CPC is trying to cover a variety of events this semester, including interactive ones," Corbin said. "Saturday was an entertaining evening and students had a lot of fun trying to figure out the crime's culprit."

The plot described Pepi Roni as a successful Italian restaurant owner who had been mysteriously shot and killed late one night. The suspects included his tough-talking twin brother Rocco Scarfazzi, Rocco's young fiancée Tara Misu, Pepi's grieving widow, Mama Rosa, Pepi and Rosa's aspiring soccer star son Marco Roni, Angel Roni, their greedy daughter, and her French fiancée Bo Jalais.

The suspects meandered throughout the room, stopping at tables to chat with students about the murder, never breaking character as they told their side of the story. If students were lucky, they even got a special clue from the actors. There was a catch, though: they usually had to earn it. Students eager to crack the case displayed their talents in Irish dancing, Italian singing, and even elbow licking in exchange for a coveted clue. Senior Erika Bramblett enjoyed the interactive setting of the performance.

"It was something unusual for Westminster to have a show and dinner like this," Bramblett said. "It was a lot of fun to actually talk with the characters."

After extensive suspect questioning, clue analysis, and table discussions, the suspects were finally sat down for final interrogation, revealing an abundance of family secrets, in true Jerry Springer fashion. Students were left to consider, love affairs, family jealousy, paternity secrets, and heartless greed when choosing their final "Whodunnit" suspect.

When all was said and done, a majority of students were able to correctly guess that Bo Jalais, the French fiancé, was the murderer. He mistook poor Pepi for his twin brother Rocco, who Jalais intended to kill over intense business matters. Senior Kelly Donnelly used her clues to correctly guess that Jalais was the killer.

"When we asked the suspects questions they would emphasize that Bo didn't like Rocco, but that Rocco and Pepi looked almost identical so I knew it had to be a mistake," Donnelly said.

Donnelly and four others won prizes for identifying the correct suspect.

At the conclusion of the performance, the actors informed the audience that they are, in fact, not a dysfunctional Italian family, but rather a company of actors who work for Thomas Ball Productions out of Harrisburg, Pa. As they introduced themselves, audience members were surprised to learn that all of the young men were high school students, while two of the women were stay at home mothers, and one was a teacher.

The next CPC sponsored event will be Mardi Gras on Friday Feb. 16 from 6:00-8:30 on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center.

Ade speaks at Bleasby

By Melissa Murphy
Campus writer

Dr. Andrew Ade was the highlighted speaker at the Bleasby Colloquium, which was held Feb. 15 in Mueller Theater.

The colloquia series is a part of the English department's curriculum, featuring faculty of the department as well as guest speakers and majors. This series has featured many faculty members, including Dr. Matt Sivils, Dr. David Swerdlow and authors Jack Ridl and Diana Joseph.

The colloquia serve two purposes as stated by the English department's website:

1. To create a sense of community both by bringing together faculty, students and scholars and also by having these constituencies share what they are learning.

2. To give the entire curriculum a central, though diverse, focus -- a prism of understanding.

Ade's speech was the fourth colloquium this year, and it was his second time giving a colloquium. He spoke about a seminar he attended this past summer in Paris. The five-week conference was part of the National Endowment for the Humanities annual seminar series. Two professors from Princeton University lead the seminar. One was a French professor; the other was a comparative literature professor. The participants studied French, English and American literature as well as famous artists, composers and architects, while focusing on the theme of the series: modernism. Ade attributes his background in theater to helping him focus on what modernism means and how it affects today's world.

"Modernism was an artistic movement," Ade said. "It affected the way we write novels, movies, poetry, everything in the arts."

Fifteen out of 110 applicants were selected to participate in the seminar. The participants attended three weekly meetings, museum visits and lectures. Each was rewarded a $3,000 scholarship to use while in Paris. The stipend was used for travel expenses as well as research.

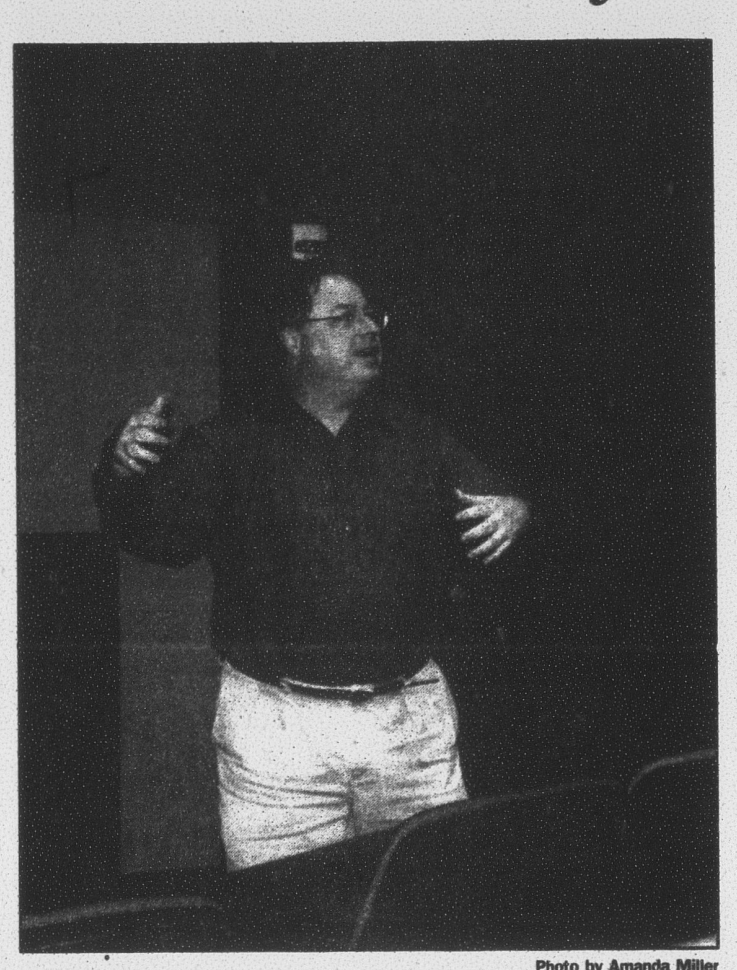


Photo by Amanda Miller

Dr. Andrew Ade spoke at the Bleasby Colloquium Feb. 15 about his experience at a seminar in Paris.

"It was a mutual learning experience," Ade said. "Everyone took turns being the teacher and the student."

Ade focused his research on French playwright Frèdèric de Chirac. Chirac, a controversial playwright at the time, had little information documented about his life. Ade traveled to libraries and archives all throughout Paris to find information about the notorious playwright. He then presented his finding to the members of the seminar. Ade spoke of his experience trying to create his own kind of biography for Chirac.

"The point of my colloquium was to show the students how to turn a bad situation into a fruitful research endeavor," Ade said.

He also encourages all English and non-English majors to attend the last two colloquia of the year.

"I especially like it when the professors present," senior English major Katie Alcorn said. "It's a great opportunity to see what the English professors do outside of just teaching. We get a chance to see where our degree can take us."

The next colloquium will be held on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Mueller Theater, featuring Dr. Deborah Mitchell and Dr. Elizabeth Ford.

Daffodil Days to benefit American Cancer Society

By Susan DiFonzo
Campus writer

Springtime brings thoughts of warm weather and blossoming flowers. Roses symbolize love for Valentine's Day, while daffodils bring hope for the future of cancer research.

The daffodil is the first flower of spring, but to the American Cancer Society, the daffodil is a symbol of renewal and hope. Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer Society's oldest fundraising programs. It celebrates the society's mission to eliminate cancer as a life threatening disease by offering Daffodils to donors in appreciation of their contributions.

"Daffodil Days is a fun reminder of the importance of the ongoing cancer research," Dean Jesse Mann said.

Carol Yova, director of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, began coordinating Daffodil Days on campus 9 years ago. Cancer has affected thousands of individuals and families, including Yova. She felt it was imperative for Westminster to act as a role model for the community.

Yova believes Daffodil Days would be a great way to not only represent the college but also help the community by providing hope for the future of cancer research.

"Seeing the bright yellow flowers, the daffodils, helps to warm us up in this bitter cold; more appreciably, it eludes happiness," Yova said, "It's nice because a majority of the money raised comes back to this area and supports our community."

Daffodil Days began on January 29 and order forms were to be returned to the Department of Lifelong Learning by Wednesday, February 14. The order forms were available from each of the department's secretaries as well as in McKelvey Campus Center. This years daffodil orders will be delivered on March 21.

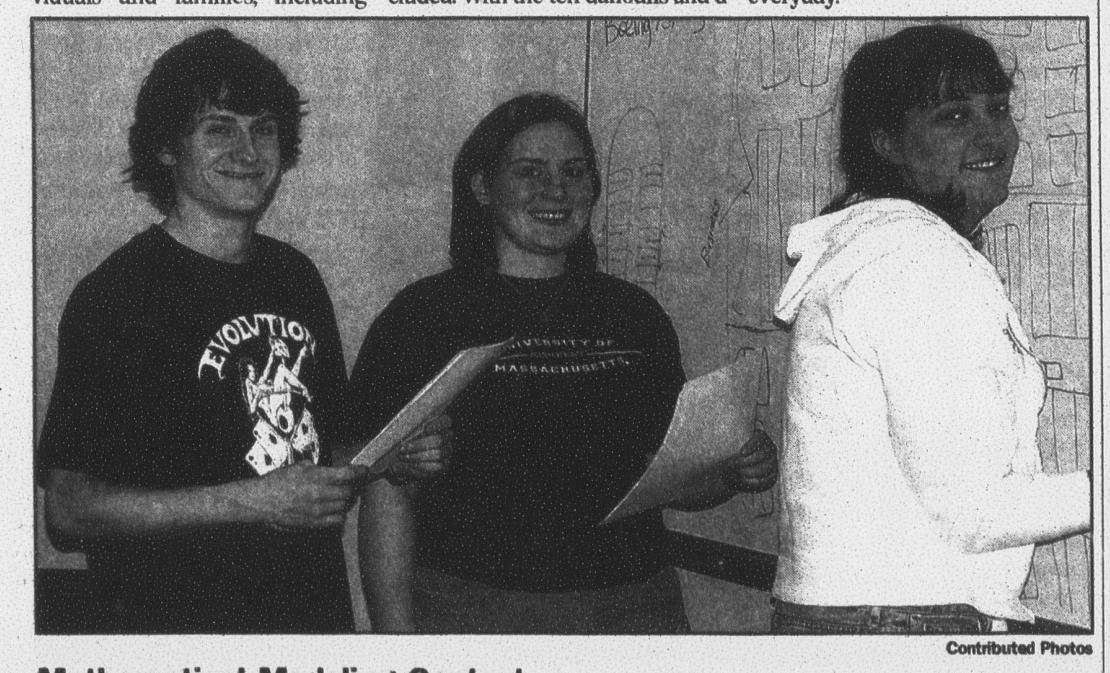
The prices and items that were available to order were: ten Daffodils for $8 or $15 with a vase included. With the ten daffodils and a Boyd's Bear included it costs $25. Yellow or milk chocolate daffodils were also available for $1.

In 2005, Daffodil Days rose over $800, and Yova hopes to reach $1,000 within the next couple of years.

Daffodil Days is one of many ways to contribute to the American Cancer Society on campus. The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi's philanthropy event, the Relay for Life, is set for April 14.

"Relay for Life has been a great thing to be part of, with the help of many we've been able to raise over $40,000 collectively for cancer research just in the past two years alone," junior and Alpha Sigma Phi president Ande Saporito said.

There are more ways to contribute in helping the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Visit the American Cancer Society's online website for more information to donate. With support and donations, the American Cancer Society is able to make progress in saving lives each and everyday.



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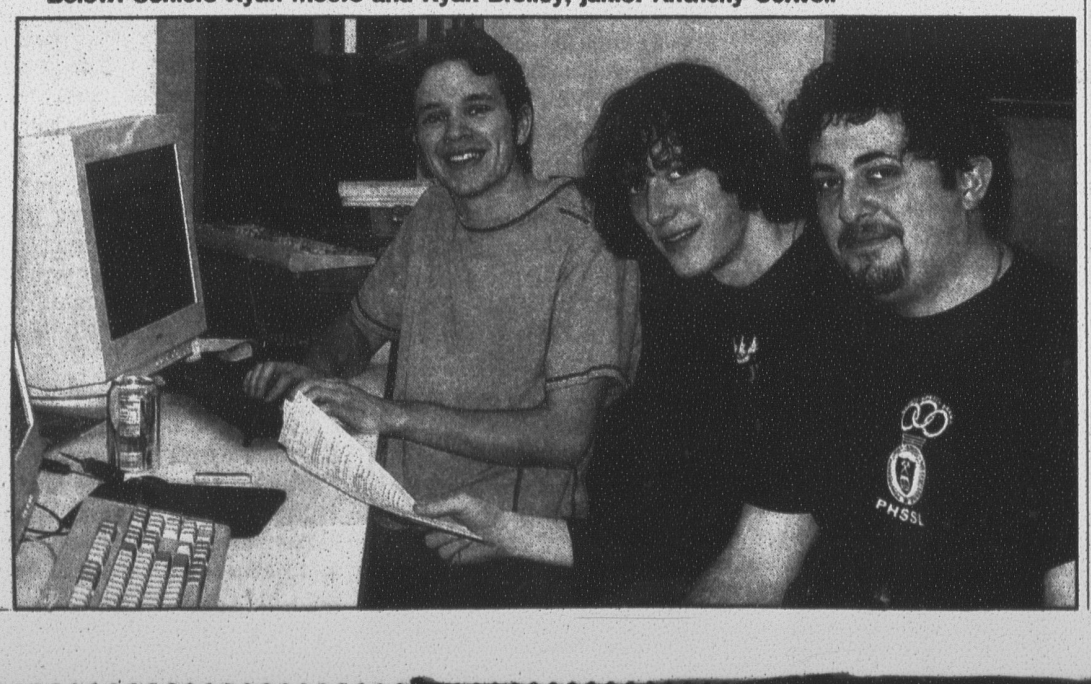
Mathematical Modeling Contest

Several students participated in the recent Mathematical Modeling Contest. Check out next week's *The Holcad* for the full story.

Above: Junior Stephen Wheeler, seniors Beth Kribel and Nicole Panza

Below: Seniors Ryan Moore and Ryan Brolley, junior Anthony Colwell



Christians to attend Jubilee

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

A group of Westminster students will be traveling to the Pittsburgh Hilton for the weekend to extend the boundaries of their faith on February 16-18.

The Jubilee Conference is for college students who desire to grow in their faith in every aspect of their lives. The weekend is full of guest speakers who discuss topics that affect students' lives. Melanie Mathews attended the conference last year.

"Many of the speakers last year made me think outside my comfort zone," Mathews said. "Growing up we are fed information about our faith, and we accept it as our own, but Jubilee gives you ground to form your own relationship and take new steps in your walk with Christ on a more personal level."

The conference attracts college students from over 70 different colleges and is held by the Coalition for Christian Outreach. The students who attend hear three to four main speakers and then can choose multiple "break-out sessions" to attend throughout the day. These break-out sessions are focused on specific topics, so students can choose ones that relate to their major and their interests.

"My favorite aspect of Jubilee is the "break-out sessions," where you hear professionals speak out their testimonies and how they work for Christ through their careers," Mathews said.

Curtis Yenyo, another student who has attended Jubilee, shared his favorite parts of the Jubilee Conference.

"For me, the favorite part of Jubilee was everything: the main speaker, the break out sessions, seeing old friends, meeting new ones, having deep conversations; the list goes on and on," Yenyo said.

Jubilee Committee member Leslie Bollibon, who is attending this year, shared her expectations for Jubilee.

"Personally I think it's going to be interesting because I think some of the issues that are being addressed at the conference are ones that aren't usually addressed in the church; plus it's geared towards college students, not towards a general group, so it will be more focused," Bollibon said.

Students may still register for Jubilee up until the day before they leave. One thing to keep in mind, however, is that the cost goes up the closer that it gets to the conference date. The total cost for the conference is $230, now that early registration has passed. However, scholarship opportunities are available if you register soon.

"One thing people worry about is the cost, and it does cost a lot, but we have a lot of scholarship opportunities this year; I just went to SGA tonight, and that's $10 off right there," Bollibon said. "Scholarships and fundraising make it more affordable and possible for people to go."

For more information on the Jubilee Conference, you can visit their website at www.jubilee2007.com or contact Laura Nystrom.

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Campus News

Dorms

Dorms to see eventual fixes

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"First identifying the problems, second waiting for the costs and third setting priorities…we are still defining the scope of these improvements," Wagner said.

According to Wagner, the improvement committee is currently made up of representatives from student affairs, physical plant, business office and admissions.

Although many of these improvements may not be the drastic changes that many were hoping for, students can be assured that officials are continually working to ensure a safe and enjoyable residence living experience.

Award

Student wins PR scholarship

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Slafka and all other contestants then put together a comprehensive application packet including a series of essays, a formal application, a list of answers to questions provided by the selection committee and two endorsement letters, one from a faculty member and another from an intern employer.

The applications were then evaluated by five judges who are representatives of various public relations companies in Pittsburgh, such as Ketchum Inc.

"Winning the award has made everything seem so worthwhile," Slafka said.

Slafka's recent distinction has already begun to open doors within the public relations field. Public relations professionals have taken notice of her accomplishments, and Slafka's recognition has led to several opportunities to open dialogue with other professionals and also network with possible employers.

"I'm very proud to keep the award within the Westminster family," Slafka said.

By winning the award, Slafka has become part of a legacy of former public relations students from campus who have also been honored with the Bob O'Gara Scholarship Award. Slafka is the sixth student nominated by the campus public relations department to receive the award in the last seven years.

"It says a lot for our department," Slafka added.

Upon receiving the award, Slafka delivered an acceptance speech to the 260 attendees, who included her parents, fiancé and members of the campus public relations department.

Core courses to be reviewed

By Craig Hannon
Campus writer

Intellectual Perspective (IP) courses have been rock solid in the last few years, but the IP courses may have a change in the near future.

The Student Government Association (SGA) has formed a committee of seven teachers and two students, to revise and possibly change the classes that fall into the category of IP courses.

The committee is reviewing whether the courses listed now follow the guidelines that the college handbook has laid out for them. All courses listed as qualifying for an IP are supposed to follow each of the guidelines listed, but according to committee member Elena Infante, the courses may not be following the specific guidelines.

"Right now we are just reviewing the courses and if each of them follows the guidelines," Infante said. "It is too early to tell whether or not the courses will decrease or increase in size, but the committee is definitely going make changes if changes are needed."

There are seven categories of IP courses that each student is required to take in order to graduate: foreign language, humanity and culture, quantitative reasoning, religious and philosophical thought, scientific discovery, social thought and tradition, and visual and performing arts. Every student must take at least one class in each one of those categories in order to receive a degree. A total of no less than twenty-eight credits must be taken in the IP course list.

Some students on campus are happy to hear that a change may be in order for the IP courses.

"I would be happy to see a change in the courses. It seems like in three years I have been here, and the same classes are taken for each category by every student," junior Ashley Beaver said. "Hopefully a change will come soon."

The SGA Academic Affairs committee is in charge of the IP course evaluation and will determine whether or not the courses follow the guidelines set forth in the handbook. Students not involved with the SGA hope that the students in the group and the student/faculty committee will look closely into a change.

"Still only being in my second year here, I hope that a change comes, and if the people to do it are the SGA, I wouldn't want anyone else to take care of it but our student government," sophomore Ryan Ricketts said. "I have faith that the committee will look into it as closely as anyone would."

A list of the Intellectual Perspectives courses is on the Registrar's website.

SAA "Speed" seminar to school students

By Hugh Hothem
Staff writer

The Student Alumni Association, along with the Alumni Office will host "Speed Networking" on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Witherspoon Rooms on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center.

Last fall, the college sponsored a "Networking 101" colloquium, an evening seminar to teach students how to network and become a presence in the professional field by gaining from rooted alumni relations. "Speed Networking" will serve as an extension of that program.

Approximately 30 alumni from the business, science, and education fields will meet current students. The students will rotate to each alumni station and can create new links to the professional world. A bell will ring every five minutes signaling each student to move to the next alumnus. Once students have visited each alumnus representative, a dessert reception will give students another chance to return to any alumnus of interest.

"I really hope that everyone takes advantage of this opportunity," explains Bridget Roth, a sophomore public relations major and the publicity committee chair of SAA. "It's a great way to make connections with alumni who are always willing to help out."

SAA understands the strong education that the college provides, and the alumni agents provide access into the business world knowing, firsthand, that their skills acquired at Westminster has aided them in their positions.

"Speed Networking" provides a great chance to secure internships and potential job positions deriving from the strong connections between Westminster College and her alumni.

Drinko dollars flow, student studies sex

By Staci McGill
Staff writer

Funding is available for students who have finished or who are currently doing research. The students may apply for funds to present their research in an off-campus setting.

The funds that students can apply for are through the Travel Grant given by the Drinko Center for Exellence and Teaching and Learning. This grant is awarded to students who strive to present research at regional, national and international conferences.

"Students simply need to have a presentation accepted at a conference and have the endorsement of their department," Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, director of the Drinko Center, said. "Also, grants are available for the conduction of research."

The primary mission of the Drinko Center is to enrich undergraduate education by engaging students in collaborative research with faculty. This is done by enhancing the capstone experience, while incorporating academically meaningful community service into the curricula and by participating in collaborations that address community and regional needs. This in turn helps to strengthen K-12 education through the research projects which are funded in various fields from history to mathematics and chemistry to psychology.

The research can deal with all types of issues; for example, "Understanding the Relationship among Gender, Physical Attractiveness and Sexual Orientation," which is the topic of a study from one of the recipients of the grant this year, junior Brett Turk.

"I wanted to look at attractiveness versus unattractiveness within certain gender and under certain situations to see if they would be more likely to change sexual orientation," Turk said.

Turk has been conducting research for the past few weeks, asking students from all over campus to help with the research. "I am looking at beauty through the perception of various people," Turk said, "and examining the fluidness of sexuality."

The first part of Turk's research was a personality test. After students had taken it, they were then given a case where a male or female was going into therapy with the intent of changing his or her sexual orientation. Finally, the students we asked a series of questions about whether they thought the case would change at the end of therapy.

"I think the research conducted shows where Brett can move with his project. I think he will be able to establish enough solid research to prolong the research," sophomore Diana Peet, participant in the research, said.

Turk is preparing this research for the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference held in Chicago in May.

Library hours officially change to accomodate recent student study habits

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

Members of campus administration have recently passed a resolution proposed by the Student Government Association requesting an extension of library hours for McGill Library.

On November 16, members of SGA delivered a resolution to members of campus administration requesting that hours of operation in McGill Library be extended by seven hours a week. The extension has been effective since the beginning of the spring semester. Hours of operation are now from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Previously, the library was only open until 11 p.m. during the week and closed by 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"Our hope as a student government association with the new change in hours is to increase an emphasis on the library and the resource that it is, especially with the coming renovation," said senior Lee Scott, chairman of the Academics Committee of SGA.

Extending the hours of operation in McGill Library has been an ongoing project for the past three years, and the proposal has been part of platforms for each governing slate within SGA since.

"We wanted to be the last slate to put library hours on our platform," Scott said.

In May 2006, the senate unanimously passed a resolution requesting longer hours in McGill. The resolution was submitted to the Dean's office and dialogue was opened between the Dean and members of the senate. The following semester, however, there was no increase in library hours.

Members of the senate continued to stress the importance of the extension. Senators sighted numerous requests by students for the extension collected in complaint boxes on SGA days. Senators also noted that the library contains resources that are not available anywhere else on campus.

Members of SGA drafted a second resolution last semester that omitted the request for longer hours on Sunday, but called for longer hours during the week and on Saturday. That particular resolution has now been passed.

"Our entire reason was first and foremost in the interest of the students and to increase the role of the library in students' lives," Scott said. "It really is the heart of the campus."

Feed Mill reopens again, new owner takes over

Photo by SKY

The Vine Street Feed Mill is now known as the Willow Creek Feed Mill and is under the ownership of Rob Riggs.

By Nicky Piszczor
Staff writer

The Feed Mill restaurant in New Wilmington has reopened under new ownership.

The Willow Creek Feed Mill, previously called the Vine Street Feed Mill, has a more sophisticated atmosphere than the old one. Rob Riggs officially took over ownership on Jan. 1. Less geared toward college students, the new restaurant offers a fine dining experience.

"There's fast food everywhere," Riggs said. "If you want something nicer, we're a good place to choose."

Riggs is a 1992 Westminster graduate with a double-major in theatre and art. He understands that some college students may not be happy with the restaurant's new approach, but after some experimenting, he realized the market was elsewhere. Riggs hopes everyone will give the new Feed Mill a try, but he particularly had in mind parents and alumni of the college.

"The people who have an affinity for this place are faculty and people who live right in town who can stop in on their lunch break and get back in time," Riggs added. "We'd like to get a lot of the old Feed Mill clientele back."

In particular, Riggs hopes the restaurant will get a lot of business during Celebrity Series and Homecoming.

The Feed Mill has been a part of New Wilmington since the town's beginning. According to Riggs, the building used to be the carriage house for the fire department. He understands the Feed Mill's important historical value to New Wilmington. In order to keep the town's history alive, Riggs decided to offer The Tavern's famous sticky buns as a menu choice.

Some other special menu choices include chicken divan and ham loaf. Other dishes Riggs hopes to offer soon are pork chops, stuffed chicken breast and prime rib. Each meal costs between $12.95 and $14.95 and includes a drink, salad or soup, the entrée and a dessert.

According to Riggs, dessert items have been popular with the community. He makes berry cobblers, double-layer cakes and homemade pies, including coconut crème, lemon meringue, and banana crème. However, if one calls ahead of time, Riggs will make just about anything.

Some college students, however, still miss the old Feed Mill atmosphere. Sophomore Marissa Young liked the late hours on the weekend and discounts for college students after presenting a Titan Card. She has been working for Isaly's for a year and a half and interacts with the college campus and local community every week.

"If you have the money to go to the new one, that's great, but if you are on a college budget it may be a bit much," Young said. "Isaly's is always good alternative to campus food, and the prices are cheap."

Despite the old Feed Mill's college atmosphere, some students were not happy with the old restaurant. Sophomores Colleen Lataille and Alissa Cochenour went to the Vine Street Feed Mill with three other friends one night during the fall last year and had a bad experience. Although only a few people were in the restaurant, the group did not get their food for an hour, and when they tried to talk the manager, he was rude.

"While the old environment was very 'college student friendly,' the service I received there was less than desirable," Cochenour said. "I wasn't treated with respect as a customer."

Riggs insists that it is all about the customer. Anyone can make reservations for special parties or events at the Willow Creek Feed Mill. Riggs also suggests students consider the restaurant for a nice date.

"We'll do whatever to make you happy," Riggs said.

The Willow Creek Feed Mill is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Riggs plans to keep the restaurant open later during the summer.

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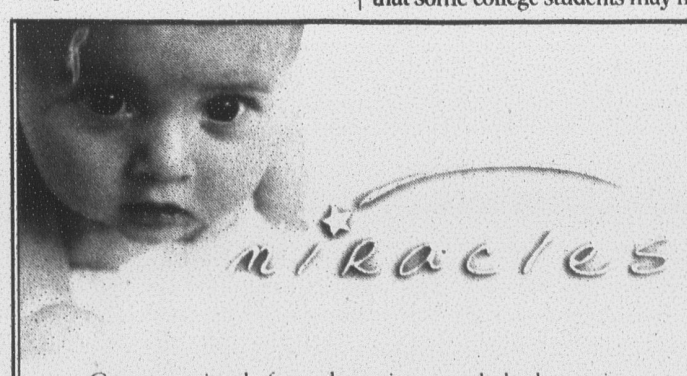

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Campus News

Students help bring life to New Castle

By Travis Gulling
Campus writer

Junior Alana Reeping donates her time at the Walker Neighborhood House to help make a difference in the lives of the youth of New Castle.

The Walker House opened this past August to provide the youth in the south side of New Castle a place to go after school. Between eighteen and thirty students come twice a week and are given the opportunity to have tutors help them with their school work and to build friendships.

According to Yvonne Clark, the director of the Walker House, the house was named after Guessie M. Walker who was the first female pastor at St. John's United Holy Church of New Castle.

"We made this house to honor Guessie," Clark said. "We wanted to help bring a sense of life into the south side of New Castle. Alana Reeping is helping bring that sense of life to our area."

Reeping, an elementary education major, first heard about the Walker House through a campus wide e-mail. She decided to help at the Walker House because she felt it would help her with her future career. Reeping believes that working at this house evokes a sense of pride and a strong desire to help others.

"I wanted to give my money to help buy them things, but I am a college student and I don't have much money lying around," Reeping said. "So I figured that I would ask other students and professors if they would donate a dollar so I could buy school supplies for these kids. That's where I got the name 'A Dollar Does It.'"

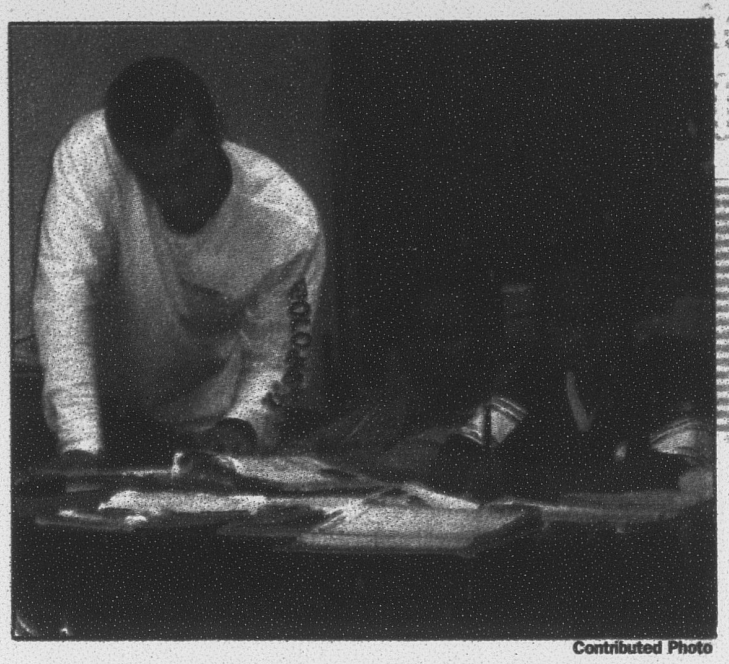
Reeping took the money obtained and went to local stores to buy some supplies for the kids at the Walker House. Some companies even donated school supplies toward the cause. Playskool donated 30 school bags for Reeping to place the school items in. Each kid received a bag of school supplies and every bag was age and sex appropriate.

"For the little kids, I got coloring books and crayons. For the older kids, they might have bought them a dictionary or some new pencils," Reeping said.

Between seven and ten college students go to the Walker House to help tutor the New Castle students every Tuesday and Thursday. Freshman John Magnuson, who volunteers at the Walker House, thinks "A Dollar Does It" is a great program and hopes more people will learn about it in the future and be willing to help.

"I tutor the kids and I try to make their experience as fun as possible," Magnuson said. "If anyone could give them the time, they would see that they are really good kids."

Those willing to volunteer should meet outside the second floor of McKelvey on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 4 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate towards "A Dollar Does It" should contact Alana Reeping.



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Freshman John Magnuson tutors local students in math.

Westminster enters Mexico

Seven students volunteer their time over Christmas break to help families and orphans in need

By Audra Adams
Campus writer

Seven students spent part of their winter vacation volunteering in an orphanage in Mexico.

Dr. William Evans, an associate professor of education, chaperoned the group along with Carey Ann Meyer LaSor, coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program. The group leader who helped organize the trip was freshman Alex Davis.

"I go to a youth group who works with Caring Hearts and goes to this orphanage every year," Davis said.

During the first week of school, Davis connected with girls on her hall who shared the same passion in Christianity as she did. Davis worked during the first semester to make contacts and organize a trip to Mexico.

"We were deeply immersed in this borderland Mexican city in a rough part of town with a group of 36 orphans who ranged from 2 to 12 years old. In this service learning project, the students did repair work at the orphanage, distributed food, and interacted with families in poor neighborhoods and with those that lived in the city landfill," Evans said.

He also brought along his twelve year old son to share the experience. They found the most meaningful part was in their daily interaction with the children and families.

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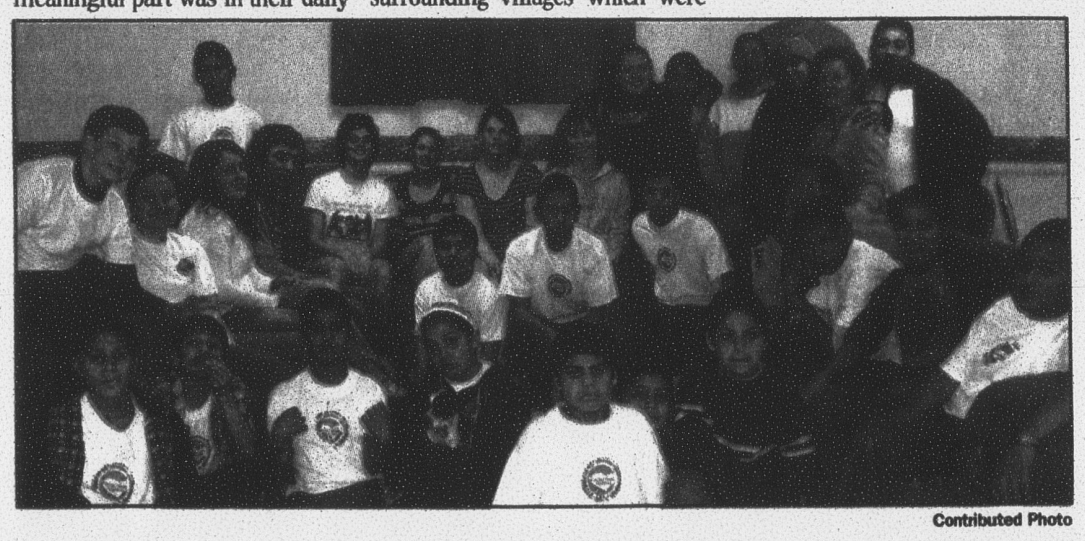
Westminster students introduce themselves to children at the Bethel Orphanage on the first day.

"I was both amazed and gratified to see these students adjust so easily to any situation. They walked right into the unknown with confidence and a desire to help, and never-not once- complained about being uncomfortable," LaSor said.

The students expressed the joys they felt as they helped repair, paint and interact with the children. They also connected with the children through a vacation bible school program. In addition, the students traveled outside the orphanage and reached out to the surrounding villages which were also located the landfill area. Through their patience, faith and kindness, they were able to experience what many only talk about.

"I received an e-mail from one of the girls, Diana, yesterday. I am hoping that we can continue to keep in touch with the children because they touched our lives in so many ways," freshmanKylee Bennett said.

These students traveled to the unknown with their faith as a guide, allowing impoverished children to leave imprints in their hearts. Upon their return to the college, these students are eager to share their experience with others.



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The Westminster team spends time with the boys at Oasis Boys Home in Mexico.

Freshman nominated for Girl Scout award for Africa project

By Kathryn Zetzer
Campus writer

Heather Merry, freshman elementary education major, has been nominated to receive the prestigious Girl Scout Gold "Young Women of Distinction" Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout ages 14-18 can earn. It recognizes leadership, effort and dedication to community service. These teens head a project that creates change within their communities. Either focusing globally or locally, these projects are a service to society.

There are seven steps to complete the Gold Award and the first four must be taken before the Girl Scout Award Project is started. The Young Women of Distinction Award will be presented in Washington, D.C, in June.

"I didn't know that it would just be such a big deal. I just fell in love with the kids," Merry said.

Merry

Merry accomplished her Gold Award Project, "The Handicapped Children of Ndirande," while living in Malawi, Africa during her junior year of high school. Meeting in a church every Monday, Merry fed and created crafts with children 3-15 years old. All the materials had to be shipped to her and the crafts were very specifically crafted. Working as partnership missionaries with her parents she focused her energy on the community project she created for the children in the area. The commitment, leadership, organizational skills and sense of community were finally recognized when the Trillium Girl Scout Council nominated Merry for the award.

Receiving this nomination made Merry an obvious fit for the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program.

"When I was informed that Heather had been nominated for this national Girl Scout award, I was more grateful than proud. I was reminded of how very fortunate I am to be working with such outstanding young men and women in the YPS program," Carey Anne Meyor LaSor said.

Merry is going back to Africa in May.

"It was a great experience and I loved every minute of it. I can't wait to go back," Merry said.

Continuing education classes offered

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

The Office of Continuing Education is offering 15 different classes that teach everything from webpage design to line dancing, at a cost of only $5 to students.

Students can chose from a list of ten different computer classes that cover areas such as The Internet and Microsoft Publisher, Powerpoint and Excel. These one to two day classes would no doubt help any student who is looking to improve their computer skills or add an extra kick to their resumé.

A variety of fitness and enrichment classes are also offered. Barb Garrett of the education department will share her Thursday nights in March to teach line dancing, and Frank Natale will offer beginning and intermediate courses in Italian. For those seeking a workout, low impact/body toning and Pilates are offered on select Thursday nights in the dance studio.

Continuing Education director Lori Scheidemantle encourages students to take advantage of these great opportunities for further enrichment.

"Classes are an exceptional value at only $5," she said. "No matter how many times a class meets – the cost is only $5 per session. In some cases this comes out to $1 a class. They are cost effective, close and convenient."

Unfortunately, the yoga classes that were once part of the continuing education curriculum are not being offered this semester. Due the renovations of McGill library, it's been hard for the office to find space for all of their fitness classes. Currently, only two fitness classes are being offered, but Scheidemantle encourages students to "look for more fitness classes to be offered through the continuing education office in the future."

Students can email Lori Scheidemantle or stop by the continuing education office in McKelvey Campus Center for more information, or to register for a class.

Classes available:

- Vinyasa Yoga
- Stress Reduction
- Pilates/Core Fat Burning
- Computer Basics
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Weather History

On Feb. 16, 1958, a storm brought heavy, windblown snow to the northern and mid-Atlantic states. Accumulations from Washington, D.C., through Philadelphia and New York City to Boston exceeded 12 inches.

Regional Cities

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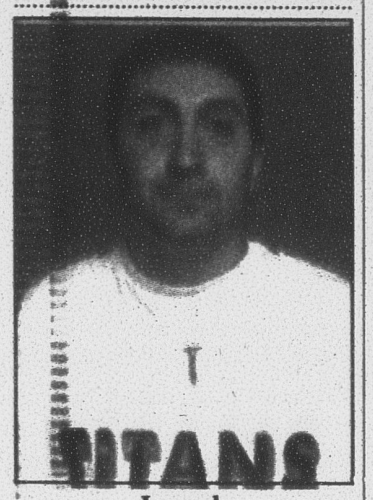
Sports

SAAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Joseph

Senior men's basketball player Dom Joseph has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Joseph led the Titans to their third and fourth consecutive wins by averaging 16.5 points and 4.5 assists in two games, including a game-high 19 points and six assists in an 84-82 overtime win over Waynesburg Saturday, Feb. 10.

Joseph also scored 14 points in the Titans' 71-59 win at Grove City Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Joseph was featured as the Holcad's "Titan Eye Candy" for the Dec. 9, 2005 edition. He has since recovered from myocarditis, a viral infection of the heart.

PAC champions - again

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The Titans men's and women's swimming teams won the PAC championships Saturday night by placing first in the three-day Grove City College Invitational.

This is the second straight year that both Titan teams have concurrently won the PAC team titles and each team's fourth championship since Westminster become eligible for PAC titles in 2002. Head coach Rob Klamut was named PAC men's coach of the year and Grove City College Invitational women's coach of the year.

"The main goal from the start of the year was to defend our PAC Championship," sophomore Conor Simpson explained. "Both the men's and women's teams' six hard months of training paid off when we were all standing atop the podium on the last day."

The Titan men amassed 964.5 points as they were followed by Grove City in second and W& J in third overall in the PAC standings. Bethany was another team present at the 10-team meet that was eligible for the PAC title and tied for sixth. The Titan women collected 865 points, beating out second-place W&J and third-place Grove City. Bethany placed tenth.

Senior Brittany Thomas won her third individual PAC championship when she took first in the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 18:24.42. Thomas won the 500 freestyle and the 1,000 freestyle. Her 60 points was the most of any women's swimmer at the meet. Sophomore Megan Mier also won the 200 backstroke with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 2:07.84.

"Both the men's and women's teams did exceptionally well. It was a team achievement that we are all proud of," sophomore Cory Mathias said.

On the men's side, senior Pat Smith won his second individual PAC championship with the school and a PAC record time of 1:53.57 in the 200 backstroke. Smith also won the 100 backstroke. Sophomore Chris Lehberger won his second title of the meet with his NCAA provisional qualifying time of 2:08.21 in the 200 breaststroke and Lehberger won the 100 breaststroke.

"On the men's side, we are excited to have the first relay in Westminster's NCAA history possibly invited to nationals," senior Ryan Trunk noted. "The relay is our 400 medley relay which consists of Pat Smith, Chris Lehberger, Conor Simpson, and myself, which broke a 25-year-old team record."

In addition to the PAC champions, All-American Trunk broke his own school record in the 100 freestyle with an automatic NCAA qualifying time of 45.14, which placed second behind PAC Men's Swimmer of the Year Caleb Courage of Grove City. Sophomore A.J. Yarzebinski established an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 200 breaststroke with a second-place time of 2:08.29.

The Titans will next swim at the Kenyon Invitational Saturday, Feb. 17.

Contributed photo

The Titan men's and women's swimming and diving teams defended their PAC Championships to reclaim the title for the fourth time in five years. The Titans took home all-PAC honors in fifteen events while coach Rob Klamut was named PAC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Super Bowl XLVII

"If you can't beat 'em, cheat 'em."

In my previous two columns, I have covered topics dealing with the Super Bowl.

This column is no different, except for the fact that the Super Bowl I now speak of has nothing to do with Dungy, Lovie, Peyton, or Rex. Rather, names such as Stewart, Johnson, Kennseth, and Gordon are more appropriate for talking about this Super Bowl, the Daytona 500, commonly referred to as the Super Bowl of NASCAR racing.

This year's Daytona 500 has received more publicity than any previous race. However, that publicity may make the sport infamous and may prompt NASCAR to adopt the unofficial motto, "If you can't beat 'em, cheat 'em." A NASCAR record five teams have been caught cheating in this year's Daytona 500.

Headlining the list is last year's circuit runner-up Matt Kenseth. Kennseth is often regarded as one of the smoothest drivers in all of NASCAR. The list also includes popular drivers Kasey Kahne, Elliot Sadler, Scott Riggs, and Michael Waltrip. I would be remiss if I did not mention that the main recipient of the cheating discipline will not be the drivers themselves, but rather their crew chiefs, the men responsible for prepping the cars and making sure that the cars comply with all of NASCAR's rules.

Robbie Reiser and Kenny Francis, crew chiefs for Kenseth and Kahne, are the most notable because of their experience and previous sterling reputations. Reiser has just renewed his contract with Roush Racing, making him one of the top paid crew chiefs in the business. Because of their infractions, the five crew chiefs will all be suspended for a minimum of two races each, and their drivers will be docked at least 50 championship points which will be used in determining who makes the coveted playoff, or Chase for the Nextel Cup. Waltrip will start the season farthest in the hole as NASCAR docked him 100 points for his more severe penalty.

Waltrip has enough problems to worry about as he is a first year owner of a three car Toyota team. This will mark the first year Toyota will be involved in Nextel Cup racing, presenting Waltrip with plenty of questions aside from how to cheat.

Unfortunately, cheating has always played a major part in NASCAR, with teams trying to gain even the slightest of advantages. Just ask ESPN analyst and color broadcaster Rusty Wallace. One of the sport's most popular drivers, Wallace has been caught violating NASCAR's rules on several occasions. Oftentimes, drivers and crew chiefs claim that because there are so many parts to a racecar, forgetting one detail can cause a car to fail inspection and bring on the dubious title of cheater.

Even with the taint of cheating, this year's 500 will provide plenty of excitement. My prediction for the race winner is Tony Stewart. Stewart has dominated Daytona in July, but bad luck has kept him from driving into victory lane in February. At the end of last season, Stewart was virtually unstoppable. I look for that domination to continue, and for Stewart to capture the only major NASCAR title that has eluded him: Daytona 500 Champion.

However, should Stewart stammer, Greg Biffle is hungry after coming off a disappointing season and is my second pick to win the race. The top rookie in the field will be Mark Martin's heir to the AAA car, David Ragan.

As the race begins, Darrell Waltrip will probably start the call with his usual, "Boogity, boogity, boogity, let's go racing." Maybe this year, D.W. should start by saying, "If you can't beat 'em, cheat 'em, then we'll go racing."

Titans win thriller in overtime

Men's basketball team prepares to face first-place Bethany this Saturday

By Bob Long
Sports writer

Westminster faced off against PAC rival Waynesburg on Feb. 10. The Titans continued to play very solid basketball throughout the game and managed to hold on to second place in the division.

Currently, the Titans are a half game back on the PAC leaders Bethany.

The game started out rather slow and in five minutes Westminster was up 12-10 over the Yellow Jackets. Waynesburg's loss put their record at 3-8 the PAC. Both teams played a solid first half that left the Titans down by two points going into halftime.

Guard Jeff Nero of Waynesburg led all scorers in the first half with eleven points but Westminster's Dave Richards was tagging close behind with ten of his own.

The story of the first half was Westminster's defense allowing Waynesburg to shoot an outstanding 50 percent from the field. The Titans were very much aware that to win games they must play more solid defense.

The Titans shot only 44 percent from the field in the first half along with taking sixteen shots from behind the arc.

The second half started off with a three pointer from Chauncey Whitlow to put Westminster up by one in the early goings of the half. With fifteen minutes to play in the game the score was all tied up at 46-46 and the two teams were deadlocked.

Westminster soon jumped out to a five point lead with the help of a Nick Adams three pointer. This lead was short lived, however, because not even a minute later Waynesburg's Jered Gamble scored a three pointer to even everything at 56.

With the game teeter-tottering back and forth for the final ten minutes neither team could really get a lead. Both teams were doing all that they could to try to seal the deal, but with five seconds left and the game tied 77-77 Dom Joseph missed a jump shot for the game sending the two teams into overtime.

Overtime went much like the rest of the game; it was a battle until the very end. Waynesburg guard Beau Wilson was doing all in his power to get the win, but the Titans proved to be too much in the end. With five seconds left Westminster's Ryan Pickett made the inside bucket to win the game 84-82.

Westminster was led by the scoring of Dom Joseph with nineteen points and the stellar three point shooting of Chauncey Whitlow who had six 3's on the day.

The Titan men are in a good position to make a run at the PAC title with this win, and they should be playing very hard the rest of the season.

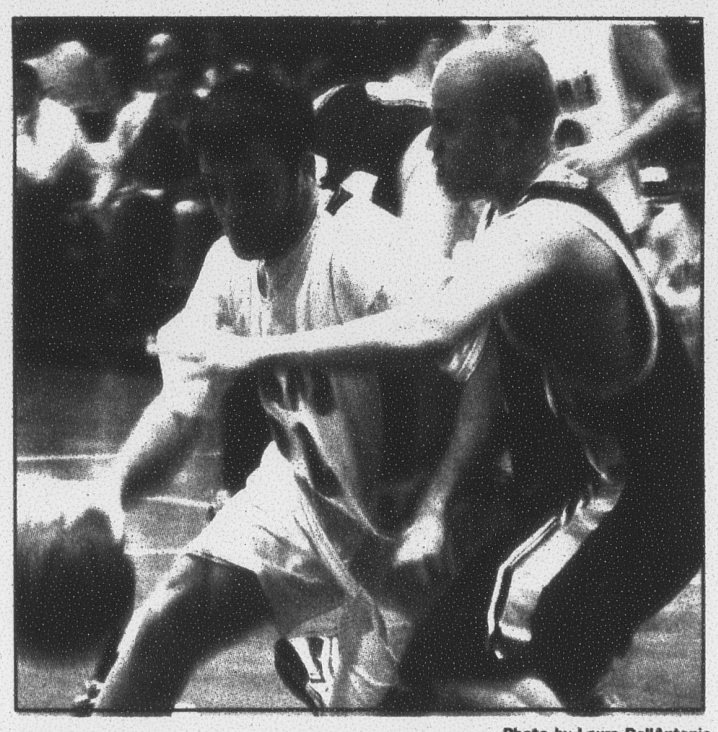


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior guard Craig Hannon dribbles past a Thiel opponent during the Titans' 92-74 win on Feb. 14.

Two more victories added to Lady Titans' record

Women's basketball team still hopeful for President's Athletic Conference title

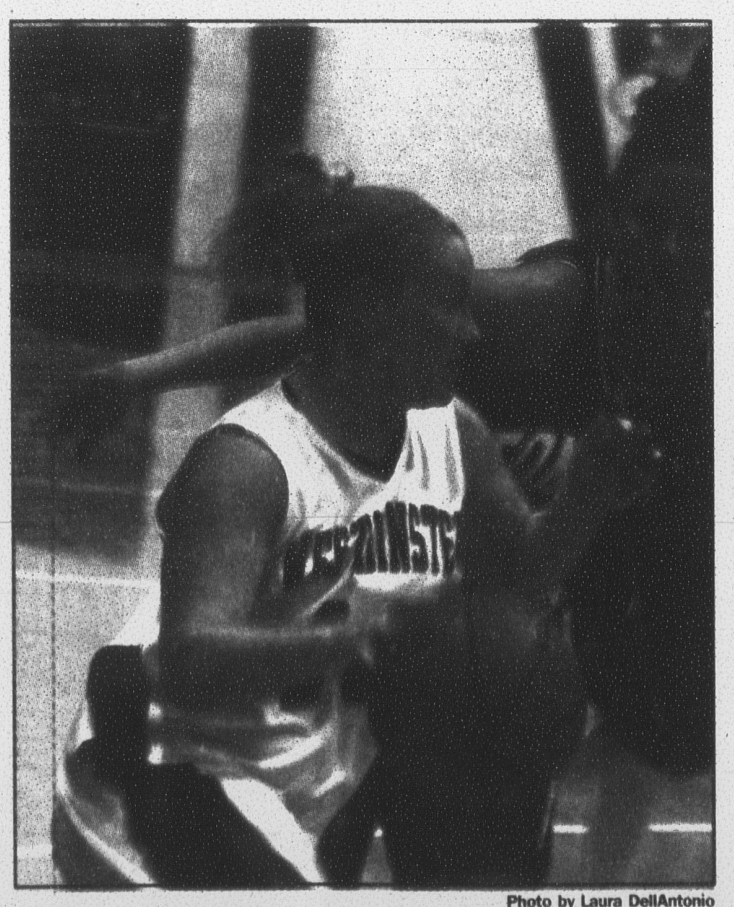


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Nicole Fee drives to the hoop during the 68-56 win against Thiel on Feb. 14. The Lady Titans are 19-5,9-2 PAC and will host Bethany on Sat. Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports writer

The women's basketball team added two more victories to their winning record by defeating PAC opponents Grove City and Waynesburg, placing them in a three-way tie for first place with Thomas More and Washington & Jefferson.

"We could beat out both teams if Thomas More loses another game in the PAC. The best way for us to pull ahead of both teams is to compete in the playoffs and dominate as we know how in order to bring home the PAC Championship," senior Desiree Sterling said.

"Being in a three-way tie for first place is an interesting experience. Right now we have to stay focused to make sure that we do not slip up and lose a game," senior Rachel Eaton added.

The Lady Titans traveled to Grove City where they shot 50 percent from the field and 57.1 percent from three-point range. Westminster's defense held the Wolverines offense to a shooting percentage of 25.4 from the field and a percentage of 9.5 from behind the arc.

Although the Lady Titans trailed early in the game, they went on to lead by as many as 36 points with 11:36 remaining in the second half.

Sterling led the team scoring 12 points, including 5-of-9 shooting from the field and 2-of-2 from behind the arc.

Three more Lady Titans scored in double digits, including Eaton with a season high 10 points, along with junior Emilee Ackerman and freshman Rachel Martinko with 11 points each.

The Lady Titans hosted Waynesburg and defeated them with a score of 60-43. The team once again trailed in the beginning of the game by as many as seven points. At halftime the Lady Titans and the Yellow Jackets were tied 27-27. They then outscored the Yellow Jackets 33-16 in the second half.

Sterling once again led the way with 25 points, shooting 8-of-13 from the field including 6-of-8 from three-point range. Sterling also recorded four steals and six rebounds tying the team highs.

Ackerman and Martinko also scored in double figures. Ackerman bucketed 10 points while Martinko contributed 11 points.

Ackerman was selected to the third team of the all-District II College Division in *ESPN The Magazine*. Ackerman is an elementary education major with a 3.46 grade-point average. The junior is ranked second for the Lady Titans and fourth in the PAC with 14.3 points per game.

"I have worked extremely hard to be where I am academically and athletically," Ackerman said. "I am able to balance basketball and academics because I set goals for myself. I know that I want to succeed in both areas of my life and I keep my focus on my goals."

The Lady Titans have only one game remaining and are optimistic about the final outcome of the season.

"We understand that anything can happen at the end of the season and we will continue to be focused on Westminster basketball and no one else," Ackerman said.

"All season we have been proving that we deserve to be at the top, and we're not finished yet," Eaton added.

Westminster hosts their final game prior to the PAC tournament on Saturday, Feb. 17 against Bethany.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Multi-plotline tower of 'Babel' collapses

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Director Alejandro González Iñárritu succeeds at complex storytelling and interwoven plots with his previous two films, *Amores Perros* and *21 Grams*, but his third attempt with *Babel* collapses under its own weight.

Babel, as mentioned above, contains four intertwining story lines that eventually spin out of control. On one end is a poor Moroccan family that acquires a new rifle to help protect their goats from jackals. However, the two young sons have some irresponsible fun with this new weapon and shoot at a tour bus.

Story number two involves a married couple on vacation in Morocco. Richard (Brad Pitt) and Susan (Cate Blanchett) are having marital problems, but hope to reconcile during vacation. However, the stray bullet hits Susan through the window of the tour bus, prompting the story about the fight for her life.

As news of the shooting spreads, so does subsequent chaos. The media is quick to suspect the shooting as a terrorist act, though Morocco has been free of terrorist cells for some time. The tiny farming village deals with police intimidation as investigators brutally track down the culprit, which ultimately leads to the destruction of an entire family.

The third storyline deals with Richard and Susan's son and daughter, who are in the care of their Mexican nanny, Amelia (Adriana Bazzara), back in San Diego. Upon receiving news of the crisis in Morocco and realizing that Richard and Susan will not be returning on time, Amelia tries to find another baby-sitter for the children so she can attend her son's wedding in Mexico.

Unfortunately, no one comes to Amelia's aid and she decides to take the children over the border with her to the wedding. The plan works until Amelia's nephew has some problems trying to drive them back over the border, and the series of events that occur afterward stretch way past believability, even for the most cynical and pessimistic viewer.

The final storyline is the one that is the weakest thread, and occurs in faraway Tokyo, where a widowed businessman is dealing with the aftermath of his wife's suicide and the fraying relationship with his deaf teenage daughter. The only tie to the other stories is that he once owned the rifle used in the shooting, but he gave it to the farmer as a gift during a hunting trip to Morocco.

The focus of the Tokyo story rests on his daughter, who has difficulty coping with society's inability to understand her, her mother's suicide, and some intense sexual frustration. This storyline could have been powerful on its own, but mixed with the other plots it turns trite and difficult to swallow.

Source: alarm-alarm.com

Richard (Brad Pitt) desperately seeks out medical attention for Susan (Cate Blanchett) while on vacation in Morocco.

Ironically, "babel" derives from the Hebrew word "balal," meaning "to confuse or confound" (www.wikipedia.com).

Iñárritu, through choppy editing and weak plots, manages to confound the audience with too much juxtaposition and too little attention to the details that made his other films, and other global issue films like *The Constant Gardener* and *Hotel Rwanda*, so successful. Instead of provoking the audience to think more on global issues, the film leaves us with teary wrap-ups to the stories and a gap where the connection should be.

Rating: C

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Family Guy game "Air Griffin" now available

MONTREAL/LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12, 2007 - A new mobile game based on Fox Television's Emmy®-nominated animated series FAMILY GUY is now available for download on major mobile phone carriers! Air Griffin is one of the simplest and most outrageous mobile game concepts to hit the small screen.

The game centers around Peter Griffin, who has just spent Meg's college fund on a medieval catapult in an attempt to break the record for the longest freeform human flight. And in his own unique style, Peter's counting on Quagmire, Stewie, Brian, Meg and Lois, and you to help him reach his goal. Hardcore fans of the series and casual gamers alike will enjoy the simple one-button, off-the-wall action of Air Griffin.

Springhill: *Contemporary Theories*

Source: onspringhill.com

Springhill member Dan Prokop records music for the band's sophomore album *Contemporary Theories*.

By Liz Suders
Music Reviewer

Springhill's sophomore album *Contemporary Theories* exceeds the local college band stigma and enters a new realm of musical aptitude.

I'll admit I have what I call "iTunes A.D.H.D." (Side note: you can buy Contemporary Theories from the iTunes Music Store) I have a really difficult time listening to any song for more then a minute; just ask anyone that's had the pleasure of riding in a car with me–it gets quite annoying.

In a strange turn of events, I actually listened to every song in its entirety! *Contemporary Theories* is a gem among prototypical college music.

I was kind of nervous when I first received the CD because I know that Springhill's main influence is Dave Matthews Band, and, to say the least, they're not exactly on my top 25 list of bands I like. But, with the release of their new CD, Springhill has come out of their shell and have formed a sound all their own.

Their sophomore effort is a 13-track musical masterpiece with the depth and intensity of a neo-classical piece of literature. OK, maybe that's a bit extreme, but a great CD none-the-less. The CD flows, and the tracks are like chapters in book.

A few tracks in particular caught my attention and were note-worthy. Track 4 "Cost of War," the intro is beautiful and I love nothing more than piano and guitar together. Track 6 "The Pirate Song," come on, who doesn't love pirates? Track 9 "Hope," has an amazing instrumentals, which I am a big fan of. It reminds me of Guns N' Roses "November Rain;" not in content or genre, but length.

For those that haven't heard Springhill before, they are the definition of "chill" music; relaxing and completely mellow. Their sound is more evolved than any other local band I have heard before and I can only assume they're headed for bigger things.

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is open Saturday., Feb. 17.

Theta Chi asks that no one drives to their house, as their driveway is impassible.

Pink Floyd co-founder to revisit *Dark Side of the Moon* in North America

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 /PRNewswire/ -- Roger Waters, co-founder and principal songwriter of the archetypal progressive rock band Pink Floyd, will return to the United States and Canada this spring to perform the epic rock masterpiece, *The Dark Side Of The Moon*, in its entirety, during a series of return concert engagements beginning May 18 in West Palm Beach, Florida and ending July 14 in Toronto.

The Dark Side Of The Moon - The Return Engagement combines a full evening's worth of music -- comprised of two sets plus encores -- performed by Roger Waters and full band with state-of-the-art staging, lighting and sound

Set One provides a comprehensive overview of Waters' music including early Pink Floyd material; classic compositions from the masterpiece "The Wall"; beloved pieces from "Animals," "Wish You Were Here," and "The Final Cut"; and songs from Waters' solo tour de force: "Amused To Death."

Set Two presents Roger Waters and band performing *The Dark Side Of The Moon*, one of the defining works of rock music history, from start-to-finish.

Waters performed *The Dark Side Of The Moon* for the first time as a solo artist during his 2006 world tour which included a run of North American concerts last fall. Prior to Waters' 2006 tour, his last live performances of the work took place with Pink Floyd more than 30 years ago.

The Roger Waters band features Andy Fairweather-Low (guitar and vocals), Snowy White (guitar), Dave Kilminster (guitar and vocals), Jon Carin (keyboards and vocals), Graham Broad (drums), Harry Waters (Hammond organ), and Ian Ritchie (saxophone) and Katie Kissoon, PP Arnold and Carol Kenyon (vocals).

The Roger Waters concerts utilize elaborate large-scale video projections and theatrical staging to underscore and accentuate the power of the music which is delivered via a state-of-the-art 360 degree quadraphonic sound system immersing the audience in a 3-dimensional hyperworld.

Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side Of The Moon* was originally released in 1973 immediately establishing a standard of excellence for its advanced blend of progressive music, philosophical themes, and sonic exploration. A brilliantly-wrought song-cycle detailing the conundrums of humanity's place in a modern technocracy, *The Dark Side Of The Moon* achieved a soulful austerity of mood while foreshadowing the role of electronica in an emerging youth culture.

The Dark Side Of The Moon reached an unparalleled level of aesthetic and commercial success becoming one of the world's top-selling albums of all time (with global sales totaling more than 34 million copies). In 2004, the album was still selling more than 8,000 copies a week. It has been estimated that 1 in every 14 Americans under the age of 50 owns a copy of *The Dark Side Of The Moon*.

Dixie Chicks "make nice" at Grammys

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 /PRNewswire/ The Dixie Chicks made music history at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony on Sunday, February 11, when they became the first female group ever to take home the big three top Grammy honors: Song Of The Year (for "Not Ready To Make Nice"), Record Of The Year (for "Not Ready To Make Nice") and Album Of The Year (for Taking The Long Way).

The Dixie Chicks achieved another Grammy milestone on Sunday when Taking The Long Way became the first Best Country Album ever to also win the coveted Album Of The Year trophy.

In addition to joining a handful of artists to have claimed all three top Grammys in a single year, the Dixie Chicks went an incredible five-for-five, winning in each of the five categories for which they were nominated, including Best Country Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal (for "Not Ready To Make Nice") and Best Country Album (for *Taking The Long Way*).

With four Best Country Album Grammys -- 1999: *Wide Open Spaces*; 2000: *Fly*; 2003: *Home*; 2007: *Taking The Long Way* -- to their credit, the Dixie Chicks are the only group or artist to have won more than once in that category and are the only group or artist to have won in that category for every studio album they've recorded. The Dixie Chicks currently hold 14 Grammy Awards.

When Taking The Long Way debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top 200 best-selling albums chart the week of its release in May 2006, the Dixie Chicks became the first female group in chart history to have three albums debut at #1, breaking the record the Chicks established in 2002 when the group's last studio album, Home, debuted at #1 and made them the first female group ever to have two albums debut at #1.

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Calendar

February 16, 2007

Notification of 2007-2008 Berlin Village Residents

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:30 PM Deadline for Squatter's Applications for Residence Halls -- MCC Student Affairs Office

6:00 PM Mardi Gras -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Titan's Tavern -- MCC Club and Lounge

February 17, 2007

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Kent State Tune Up

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kaplan Practice Tests: LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and GRE -- Old Main 308, 310, 311, 314

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Career Center's Kaplan Practice Tests -- MCC Witherspoon and Rooms 255 and 352

10:00 AM Men's and Women's Swimming at Kenyon Invitational

2:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Bethany (H)

4:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Bethany (H)

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Bobby Vinton -- Orr Auditorium

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (1 Van) -- Meet at MCC Entrance

February 18, 2007

CHINESE NEW YEAR

7:00 PM Vespers -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

February 19, 2007

PRESIDENT'S DAY

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

February 20, 2007

Women's Basketball PAC Tournament

Men's Basketball PAC Tournament

12:45 PM Single Room Drawing for Men -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

1:15 PM Single Room Drawing for Women -- MCC Witherspoon

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse -- "Continuing the Conversation: Diversity at Westminster College" -- Berlin Student Lounge

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

6:20 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting -- Patterson 311

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson Hall 112

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Alumni Connections in Education -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

February 21, 2007

ASH WEDNESDAY

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Meeting -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Field House IM Gym

11:45 AM Faculty Forum -- Terri Lenox and Mandy Medvin, "Student Computer Use: New Perils and Findings" -- MCC Mueller Theater

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Team Meeting -- MCC 352

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Allies Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting -- MCC Club and Lounge

February 22, 2007

Men's Basketball PAC Tournament

12:45 PM IFC Meeting -- MCC 255

4:00 PM Residence Life RACT Interview Training -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:30 PM Red Cross Club -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: All My Sons -- Beeghly Theater

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

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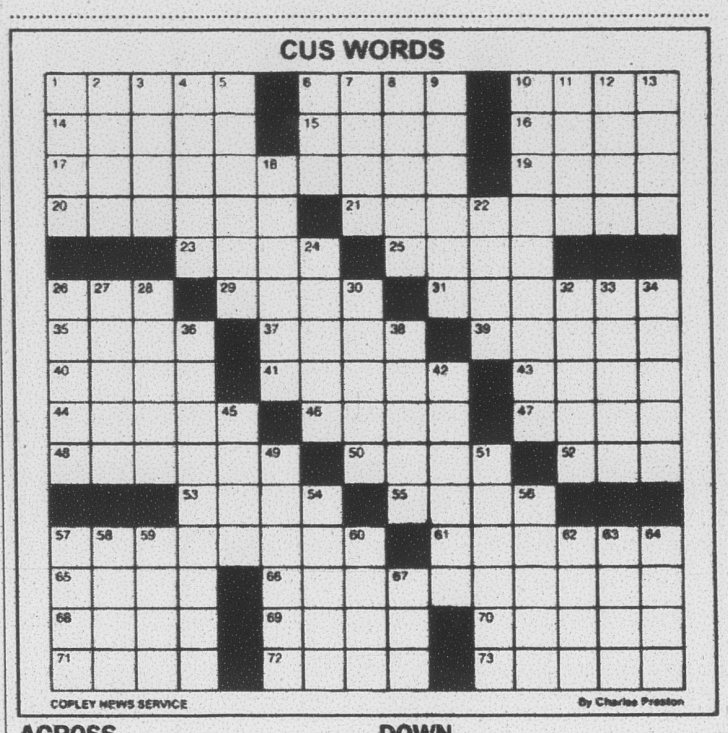

Last Week's Answers

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14 Type of acid
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16 Where to see good Jazz?
17 Slapstick comedy prop
19 Flounder
20 Earl's property
21 Short of cash
23 Music to Quasimodo's ears
25 Eighteen-wheeler
26 Item dropped at Woodstock: abbr.
29 Homer story
31 Father figure, to a beatnik?
35 Oil cartel acronym
37 Follows who and what
39 Synagogue scroll
40 "To Sir, With Love" singer
41 Disneyland features
43 Ladder bar
44 Onetime Mennonite sect
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47 Chinese beginning
48 Poem
50 Simon and Garfunkel, e.g.
52 I ___ it!
53 Bireme pullers
55 Joshua ___
57 Magician, of the comics
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65 Jai ___
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68 So long, in Soho
69 Adra. Zumwalt
70 Weird
71 After awhile
72 Whole bunch
73 Cut companion

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3 Santa checks it
4 Ready
5 Precisely
6 Morose
7 Gratuities
8 Uses a blue pencil
9 Took a peek
10 Aim of many cowboys?
11 On the summit
12 "A ___ of Two Cities"
13 Tool or wood
18 He's grim
22 Part of a Latin lesson
24 Ticked off
26 LeMans racer
27 Foam
28 Places of hero worship?
30 Gave up
32 Ancient Celt
33 New Age artist
34 1977 George Burns movie
36 Janitor
38 Refute
42 Canned heat
45 "I ___ a Symphony"
49 1969 Classics IV hit
51 Swarmed
54 Crossbones partner
56 ___ Gantry
57 First name in espionage
58 The ___ Parsons Project
59 Alliance formed in 1949: acron.
60 Salinger heroine
62 Ganges garb
63 Garfield's pal
64 Requirement
67 Trip to the garage?

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Tie up loose ends and complete old business. Clear the decks and make room for some exciting, wonderful new ventures or opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A spur-of-the-moment meeting between you and your friends will bring about some amazing results. Present your thoughts and ideas with enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Mentors, parents or someone in authority will play an important role in your life. Follow their lead or guidance and use the benefits of their wisdom and experience.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): There is a lot going on inside your head as your brain reels with new ideas. Focus your attention on education, travel or political aspiration.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It pays to be meticulous and careful in your financial affairs. Take your time and make sure that you are abreast of everything that could affect your earnings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Enjoy uncovering your cultural roots and exploring artifacts from several generations. An item from a distant relative will get you started on this journey.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Push forward with the burning desire to make changes on the job front. Stop talking about what should be done and initiate a decisive plan of action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You are on the receiving end of good fortune or favors. Do not take your gifts for granted. Live in a constant state of thankfulness and express your appreciation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Lay low and review your life from a personal standpoint. Think of yourself as an observer whose main goal is to collect healing or helpful emotional data.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The most avant-garde or unusual subjects will catch your eye this week. Delve into projects that will take you down an exciting path of discovery.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Stay on guard financially and avoid a free-for-all shopping spree. Get serious about saving. Work to establish a solid fiscal foundation

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You are privy to some very powerful and compelling information. Put all of the pieces together and come up with a plan for transforming your life.

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Night Owl Bowling
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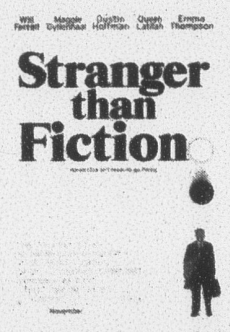

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COMING SOON...

Feb. 23 Titan's Tavern
Mar. 16 Titan's Tavern
Mar. 17 Night Owl Bowling
Mar. 23 Jazz Concert
Mar. 24 Nicky Douglas and Friends
Mar. 30 Lil' Sibs Weekend
Mar. 30 Titan's Tavern
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May 5 Jazz Concert

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Features

The Garden Café: a wonderful establishment within Mill Creek Park

By Leanna Stitt
News editor

When I first entered the Garden Café, I automatically felt my gaze shift upwards and outwards.

The surrounding walls consisted completely of windows that stretch towards the sky, leaving you with a perfectly serene view of Lake Glacier in Youngstown, OH.

"Every day, I feel like I'm looking at a huge calendar [when I look out the windows]," John Sewruk, General Manager since the opening, said. "It's one of those picture-perfect places."

The Garden Café is nestled in Fellows Riverside Gardens (nicknamed the "Rose Garden"), which is an 11 acre section of Mill Creek Metro Park. Visited by thousands of people per year, the Gardens serve as a site for tours, weddings and receptions. Not only is the geographic location convenient (only 9 miles from the Ohio turnpike and about a 25 minute drive from Sharon), but the atmosphere surrounding the Cafe's location is remarkable. The Gardens have been called the "buffer zone" between nature and man, comfortably situated between the heart of Youngstown and the beautiful Lake Glacier.

When I visited the Garden Café, I took my dear friend Laura with me in celebration of her birthday. It was a perfect place for the occasion because of the intimate atmosphere and the quaint location. In order to get to the Café, you must go through the doors of the D.D. and Velma Davis Education Center, a beautifully designed facility that was established in 1999. As we passed through the hall to the Café, we noticed an art gallery filled with a contemporary artist's collection entitled "Fragmented Florals." You can see the gardening motif of the building beginning to appear already! A grandiose gift shop, filled with a wide variety of garden gifts, also caught our intention on the way. The Center also includes classrooms, an auditorium and banquet hall for rental, a horticultural library, a historical museum, an observation tower and much more to explore!

Of course, Laura and I chose the table closest to the window in order to feel closest to the natural environment surrounding us. I ordered the Monte Cristo sandwich, the most popular pick among patrons, which consists of roasted turkey, ham, and swiss cheese on a french toast-styled panini bread (topped with powdered sugar!) - an unlikely, but delectable blend! At first glance, the combination looked daunting, but after biting in, I could definitely tell why this was the number one sandwich selection. Laura ordered the Chicken Club sandwich which consisted of grilled chicken breast, bacon, cheddar cheese, and fresh sprouts on Ciabatta bread. No words were necessary to describe our satisfaction with the sandwiches to our waitress, mostly because our mouths were full and our plates were clean by the end of our meal!

Additionally, the Café offers several unique salads (including the Stuffed Tomato Salad), wraps, and low-carb items all ranging from $5.25 - $6.50. Considering the portion size, the price is a small investment.

You may think that no universal desires or widespread callings exist in America today, but when it comes to dessert, my friend, I believe that we are all called to set out without hesitation into this last course of any dining experience. Even if our jeans were already feeling a bit tight, dessert was a must and at the Garden Café, Laura and I did not hesitate on the beckoning of the Strawberries and Cream and the Very Cherry Pie Cheesecake. Step aside, Cheesecake Factory, this cheesecake will give you a run for your taste buds!

Although Mill Creek Park opened to the public in 1891, the first plantings of bulbs in Fellows Riverside Gardens, an 11 acre section of the Park, was not until Mrs. Elizabeth A. Fellow's bequest in 1963. This is not a small collection of bulbs either! With the dawn of every spring, over 40,000 total bulbs bloom, including roses, tulips, chrysanthemums, herbs, trees, evergreens, dwarf conifers, and rhododendrons. Labeled displays accompany the flowers and trees for those of us who aren't such gardening gurus!

The rose collections (including modern, climbing, botanical, and shrub roses) are by far the most popular in the Gardens. The peak blooms of these roses are in May and June, but the majority of the flowers come to bloom in late March along with the many visitors who come along with them. Tours of the Gardens are available by reservation, gardening courses and volunteer opportunities are offered, and local artists and photographers come regularly to visit. What more could you ask for! Well, I suppose you may still ask for delicious food to accompany the scenery, and that's where the Garden Café comes into the picture!

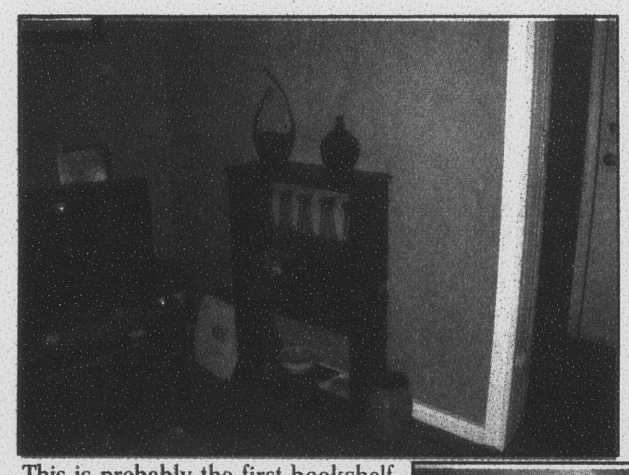
When asked his favorite thing about working at the Café, John, the General Manager, said, "I enjoy seeing a lot of the regulars that come in; friendly faces saying 'hi.'"

If you check out the Garden Café, make sure to set aside some time to explore the gardens and the education center. Although it may be unforeseen, there's no telling what you may find while searching for natural beauty in the heart of Youngstown.

For more information about the restaurant, visit www.millcreek-metroparks.com or call (330) 740-7074. The Café is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday 11a.m.- 4 p.m., and is closed Mondays.

WC Cribs

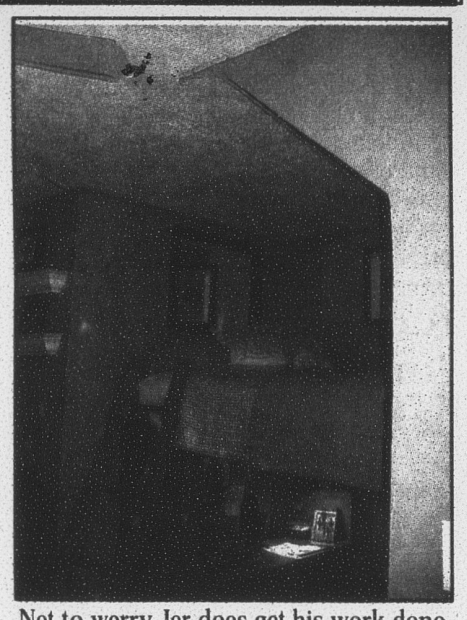
This week, Features editor Jenn Corkadel visits the abode of junior Jeremy Lawler



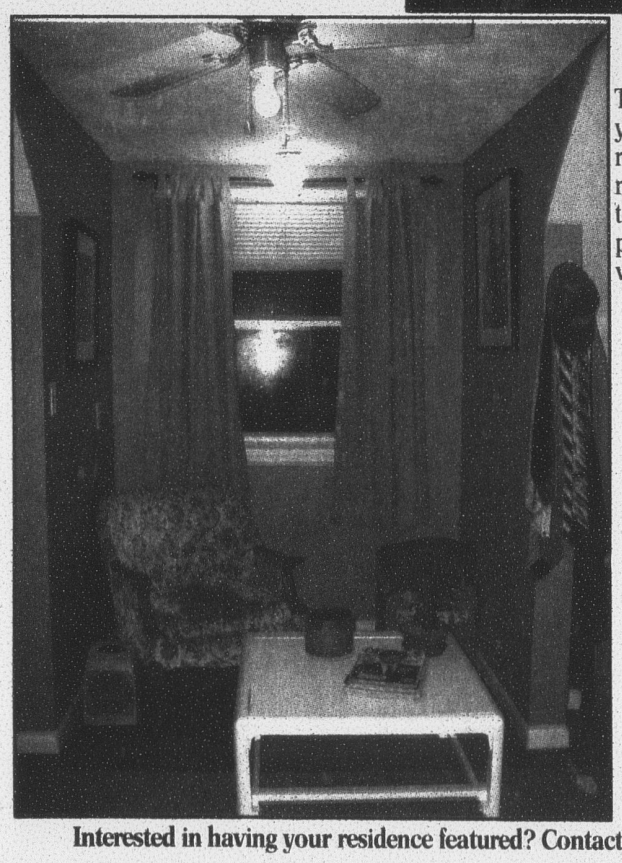
This is probably the first bookshelf I've seen used purely for ambiance in my college career.

The same can be said of these shelves... Though it does make you forget the hectic pace of campus life, even if it is just for the moment.

The angled ceiling is actually created by the roof. A previous resident cleared out a wall to create a space at the end of the bed for a refrigerator, which maximizes floor space and gives the room a "put away" feeling.



Not to worry, Jer does get his work done, it's just neatly contained underneath this lofted bed that's inhabited this room for quite some time.



This alcove is the first thing you see when entering the room. Interestingly, as the room was once a restroom, there are the remains of plumbing fixtures for what was likely a bathtub.

The prints displayed around the room create a peaceful feeling which is helped along by the wonderful sage-toned walls.

Interested in having your residence featured? Contact information for The Holcad is located in the staff box on the Opinion page.

Lawrence County rich in presidential history

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"Oh Caesar, what a sounding shame is this, that thou vouchsafing here to visit me, doing the honour of thy lorliness to one so meek." –Cleopatra. (Anthony and Cleopatra 5.2.159-63)

Many Presidents of the United States have visited Lawrence County, and it seems appropriate to remember their visits as Presidents' Day approaches on Monday.

Many believe that George Washington came to the area in 1753 with his brothers while surveying Western Pennsylvania. While Washington's journal entries have blurred, accounts appear to describe the area later known as the 4th Ward of Ellwood City.

Zachary Taylor came to Lawrence County as the first presidential to visit while in office. Shortly after the official formation of the county, Taylor and Governor Johnson arrived on Aug. 22, 1849 on their way from Beaver to Mercer County. Arriving by canal, Taylor made a big splash in New Castle as he took part of a precession, met with dignitaries, dined at the Washington House, visited industrial sites, and attended a reception with local ladies at the Presbyterian Church.

James A. Garfield worked as a laborer on canal boats as a young man and often visited the area. On one occasion, he nearly drowned in a local canal and was nursed back to health nearby.

A Native of Niles, Ohio, William McKinley visited Lawrence County many times. While New Castle boasted a small tinplate industry at the time, the McKinley Tariff act of 1880 led to New Castle becoming the tin plate capital of the world.

Theodore Roosevelt visited as a President when in 1901 he stood on the back of a platform train and waved to people as he passed through Ellwood City.

William Taft visited after his presidency in 1918 when he spoke to a crowd at New Castle High School and toured the tin mill. That night he ate dinner at Grace Phillip Johnson's mansion.

Warren G. Harding still held office as he passed through New Castle by train during his presidency; his body passed through again after his presidency on a funeral train heading to Ohio in 1923.

On a whistlestop campaign as a presidential candidate, Herbert Hoover stopped by briefly.

Harry S. Truman spoke at a Democratic Dinner in 1958 following his presidency. He campaigned for Congressman Frank Clark and stayed overnight at the Castleton Hotel.

Richard Nixon visited the area as a Senator from California. In 1952, he passed though Mahoningtown by train campaigning for Dwight D. Eisenhower.

John F. Kennedy considered New Castle important enough to visit while on his 1960 campaigning route. He met with local Democratic leaders and was publicly given a plate made by Shenango China.

George Herbert Walker Bush visited in 1984 as Vice President. He presented a check from the federal government to the Ellwood City Forge (Mesta Site)–the event drew much protest.

William Jefferson Clinton was the last president to visit Lawrence County when he spoke at the County fair. Hillary Clinton and Mr. and Mrs Al Gore also attended the fair.

In all, thirteen presidents have visited the county.

Black History Month
The man who invented potato chips

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Our celebration of Black History Month has been going on for three weeks now. Together we have learned about Garret Morgan, and Sarah Goode; both people very influential in our daily living today. Today's story is similar, but I think that everyone at some point has enjoyed the product of a man named George Crum.

Crum was born George Speck in 1822 to an African American father and a Native American mother. Growing up in Saratoga Lake, New York he worked as a guide in the Adirondack Mountains and even as an Indian trader.

While working as a young man, George began to realize that he possessed a talent for culinary arts. In the summer of 1853, he began working at Saratoga Springs' Moon Lake Lodge Resort, which was a very elegant restaurant. He took on the last name Crum because it was the professional name that his father used as a jockey.

One of the most popular items on the menu at the Lodge was French-fried potatoes. Thomas Jefferson was said to have brough the idea to America in the 1700s. While in France serving as an ambassador, Jefferson frequently ate the thick cut potatoes, and after his return to the U.S he continued to eat them and introduced them to many of his friends.

Once when Crum was preparing the potatoes, there was a customer who complained that Crum's potatoes were too thick and he demanded that they be redone. Crum was known in those days to be somewhat ornery and sarcastic. He didn't like the fact that this customer had insulted his food by sending it back.

Crum decided that he was going to teach that customer a lesson. What happened next turned out to be one of the greatest inventions of our time. Crum sliced the potatoes as thin as he possibly could, then he fried them in grease until they were a crisp chip and sent that back to the complaining customer.

The customer's reaction stunned Crum; he loved them! Soon there were other people in the restaurant asking for what that man had. It was not long before Crum's "Saratoga Chips" became one of the lodge's most popular items.

In 1860, Crum felt that his chips were doing so well that he would open up his own restaurant, "Crum's House," where his clientele was very upscale. Guests were said to include wealthy people like William Vanderbilt, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Jay Gould.

That was pretty good for a man of color in those days. One of the most appreciated features was that Crum made sure that there was a basket of chips on every table in the restaurant.

Surprisingly, Crum never tried to widely distribute the chips or get a patent on them, yet they were still becoming an international phenomenon because of the number of snack food entrepreneurs around the country. Crum decided to close his restaurant in 1890 and he died on July 22, 1914, at the age of 92. His product still lives on.

In 1895, a man named William Tappendon began making potato chips for sale to local grocery stores. This was the first attempt by anyone to put potato chips on grocery store shelves. Others soon followed his lead, including Hanover Home Potato Chip company, based in Hanover, Pa. In 1926, Laura Scudder came up with the concept of putting the chips in a waxed bag; then, the concept of a "bag of chips" was born.

In 1932, Herman Lay founded Lay's in Nashville, Tenn. His potato chips became the first successfully marketed national brand. Phenomenal success followed for him and for scores of other potato chip makers. Today, retail sales of potato chips in the United States alone top $6 billion per year.

I personally thought that this was an extremely interesting story simply because of the way that it came to pass. This was truly a story of accidental genius, which we still enjoy today. I'm sure there are people who have endured the oh so tragic waist line change because of this, but at least a whole century and a few size changes later, we can enjoy baked chips.

As a minority man in those days, Crum's accomplishments were amazing. George Crum never set out to be some millionaire or a big name. It was evident in the fact that he never pressed for his invention to become nationally known.

This was a man who didn't even know the ingenuity he had within himself. In fact, the whole reason behind the discovery was the, "I'm gonna show him" attitude. Not only did he show "him," he showed all of us.

The lesson that I received from George Crum is that sometimes we don't know what we have inside of us. Sometimes we take for granted that we are just a student, or a teacher, or member of the staff, or in Crum's case, just a chef. I realized that behind those titles lies a genius in all of us. For many, it may just take becoming fed up with something for you to change the world.

I can't help but to smile right now, because in each of these people's lives that we've learned about, I find out just a little more about myself. I discover just a little more drive inside of me. That's what this month is about for me; it's not to drill you with stories of black people, it's to inspire you with the knowledge of history…our history.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

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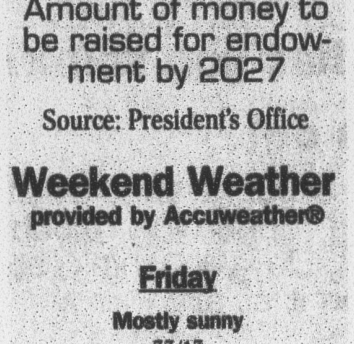

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Campus Statistic of the Week

$200,000,000

Amount of money to be raised for endowment by 2027

Source: President's Office

Weekend Weather
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Friday
Mostly sunny
33/13

Saturday
Partly sunny
35/24

Sunday
Breezy with ice, then rain
43/31

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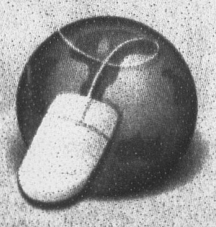

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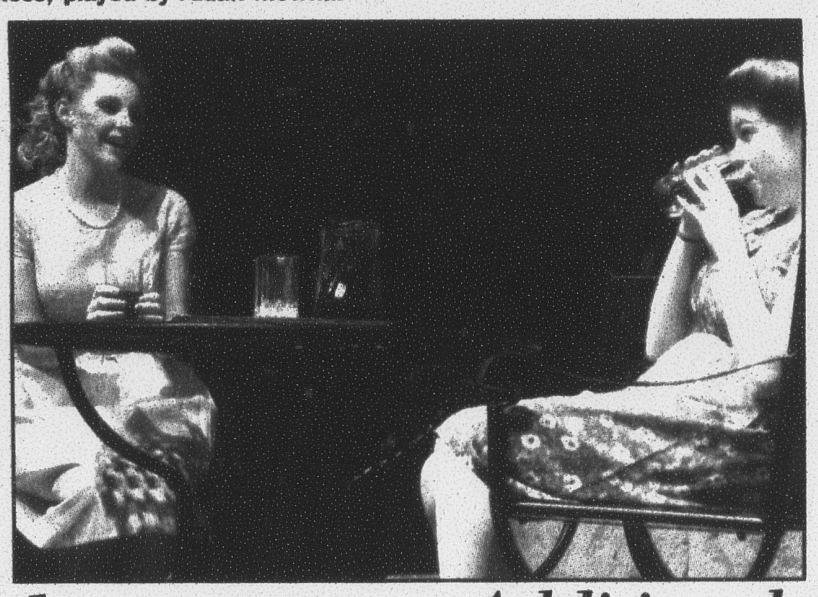
Miller's *All My Sons* opens

Photos by Chelsea Boecker

All My Sons opened Feb. 22 and runs until Sunday, Feb. 25.
Above: Chris Keller, played by senior Jonathan Deyton, throttles Joe Keller, played by senior John Buco.
Below left: The Kellers (Deyton and Buco) speak with Ann Deever, played by sophomore Marisa Monahan.
Below right: Deever (Monahan) chats with Sue Bayless, played by Aidan Mewha.



By Bill Nichols
Campus writer

Theatre Westminster will present Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m. in Beeghly Theatre.

Dr. Scott Mackenzie, assistant professor of theatre, suggested the play after recently returning from a year of duty as an Army Reserve officer in Baghdad.

"I decided to present this play while I was serving in Iraq," Mackenzie said. "While there, I witnessed two ends of the spectrum as our military men and women continually put themselves in danger because they believe in their mission, and at the same time, I saw evidence of the vast sums of money the U.S. government is spending. Just the sight of the hundreds of tanks, helicopters, armored vehicles and trucks is mind-boggling and doesn't take into account the cost of maintaining entire bases that have been built around the Middle East. When I came home, I kept reading about fraud, waste and abuse that have plagued the rebuilding effort, and I knew this was an important show for us to produce."

All My Sons is a play about Joe Keller, a successful businessman during World War II, rushing to meet an order from the Army. He knowingly sold defective airplane parts which caused 21 men to die.

"Set in post-World War II middle America, All My Sons examines the disastrous consequences of placing profit and blind pursuit of the American dream ahead of social responsibility and the lives of American soldiers. First produced in 1947, the play once again resonates with power and emotion when viewed in light of the corporate greed and corruption that have plagued our rebuilding efforts in Iraq," Mackenzie said.

With the theatre preparing to perform *All My Sons*, the college is having a presentation and discussion on Sunday, Feb. 25 about business' involvement in the past

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Panel addresses diversity

By Shannon Richter
Campus writer

A panel of students encouraged continued support and understanding of diversity on campus at the Peace Studies Coffeehouse on Feb. 20 in the Berlin Lounge.

The discussion, "Continuing the Conversation: Diversity at Westminster College," brought together a panel of students determined to call attention to diversity issues on campus with an audience comprised of 31 students and faculty.

Co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity Services, Jeannette Hooks Hubbard, Director of the Office of Diversity Services, moderated the event. Dr. Sherri Pataki, a psychology professor, introduced Hubbard, a Farrell City Council member and a pastor in New Castle. Pataki emphasized that this discussion was a continued conversation from a similar event held last February.

"Diversity is not an end point, it is a process," Pataki said.

The students on the panel, representatives of organizations and individuals encouraging diversity, stressed this particular point. Senior Jonathan Bentley, sophomore David Dean, junior Angela Duckett, senior Joselyn Parker, junior Brittany Rosko, sophomore Mac Mosley, and sophomore Rachel Webb openly discussed diversity of race, sexual orientation, and disability. This fulfilled Hubbard's goal to provide a comfortable environment where people would feel free to speak openly and candidly about their experiences.

"As a minority student coming to Westminster, during my freshman year, I didn't want to be here." Parker said. "Partly from the lack of diversity, I felt like an outsider."

Bentley, Mosley, and Duckett shared similar experiences and emotions, but all agreed that they had seen improvement in the past few years. The members of BSU have successfully expanded their involvement on campus. Parker, SGA's Diversity Chair, elaborated on projects, such as the Pajama Jam, Free Hugs, Adopt a Family, and Help Educate Against Racism, as evidence of the further education of students on diversity. The panel dealt with diversity beyond race as well.

"It's not always blatantly obvious; you can't look around a room and see who is gay, straight, has gender dysphoria, or even who has a disability sometimes," Dean said.

Dean, vice president of Allies, hoped to clarify misunderstandings associated with the organization. He stated that the mission was to foster a culture of openness. Allies coordinates events like the Day of Silence and Jeans Day to garner support for increased awareness and diversity on campus.

Rosko described the lack of diversity regarding students with physical limitations. As a student

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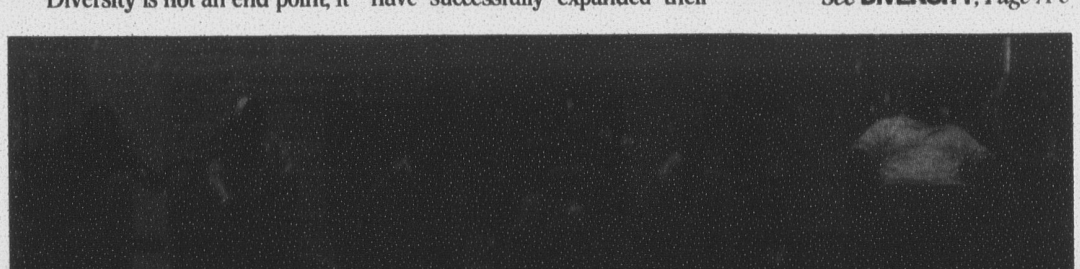

Photo by Amanda Miller

The recent Peace Studies coffeehouse featured diversity as the topic of interest. Student panelist answered questions and presented their view on Westminster's diversity, or lack thereof.

Additional off-campus lottery slots allocated

Photo by Sky

More students will be allowed to live off-campus in apartments or houses like this one than previously allocated.

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

SGA senator Callie Croushore went the extra mile recently to secure more spots for students seeking to live off-campus in the fall. At the lottery drawing held last November, twelve women and eight men earned the right to live off-campus. For a school of nearly 1,600 students, twenty doesn't seem like a fair number of off-campus opportunities.

The number of off-campus spots is actually determined by the President's office, choosing financial ability as the number one factor. In essence, if the school can fill the dorms and charge room and board, they will. Therefore, the office must decide how many students may be allowed to live

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Wibbly-wobbly.

Look! Proper capitalization and punctuation!!

By Grapthar's hammer!

Moos don't moo. In fact, they don't even cow.

Happy Lent!

Get the special at Substantials! It's a delicious treat.

They're tragically malicious!

What are you doing? I'm knitting a sweater...

Could you just promise me you won't die?

Will people just quit "decir-ing tacos?" Please.

Someone needs to learn how to hit a piñata!!!

Mr. Feeny sings??? Who knew??

I still haven't gone to the Cheap Seats...hmm...

It's Final Freakin' Friday in February. How's THAT for alliteration??

Acidity spit? I WANT THAT!!! Why not ME??

I saw grass on Wednesday!! And a squirrel!!

Sucker. You still don't understand the FOPWOP.

Props to Scrawl!

Hey everyone, come see how good I look!!

Qué vida, la mía...

Hang in there, kids, it's almost spring break.

I'm gonna go eat my orange.

Blue-eyed James Bond this weekend...

"Are you saying I'm not pretty?"

You can't do that here; this is Newman Club.

Go see All My Sons. There's a house on the stage!!

Jicky-Jacked!!

And yet...do it.

By the beard of Zeus!

Perhaps this tragic fall is precipitous of things to come.

We've got a three-body problem.

Mother, we just can't enough.

You can't have fundamentalist without "fun" and "mental."

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student vote should be considered in town's decisions

Since the Holcad broke the news about the "wet" vs. "dry" vote 3 weeks ago, we at the Tavern have established a web site for information on how to register to vote in New Wilmington. That web site is www.getnwwet.com .

The web site has a link to the PA voting instructional website that is very helpful and answers some of the questions specific to college students. The PA website goes so far as to encourage college students to vote and to vote where it will best effect their lives.

The Tavern website debunks some of the myths fabricated in New Wilmington that have been very effective in years past in intimidating students from voting.

In last weeks editorial, David C. Smith hit the nail right on the head with his insight that we do not vote in every election for ourselves but for the future and the generations to come.

As a long term resident of New Wilmington, the husband of an alum and the father of five small children, I have no reservation about having the students vote in the towns affairs. The borough of New Wilmington does an excellent job maintaining the infrastructure of the town, but in my opinion could use the influence of the "youth vote".

As students at Penn State, we were encouraged to vote locally and I was a registered voter in State College. That town recognized years ago that the students not only had the right to vote, but had, not necessarily an immediate impact, but a collective and sustained positive impact on the local economy and politics.

One need only take a walk down Market Street in New Wilmington to see that the local economy needs a boost. New Wilmington is no longer the self-sufficient town of 20 or 30 years ago.

With a "wet" vote, New Wilmington could effectively nurture a "creative economy", the arts, social life and culture that would be embraced by long-term residents and college students alike.

"One need only take a walk down Market Street in New Wilmington to see that the local economy needs a boost."

A vote for a "dry" town will perpetuate the effect of a highway bypassing the town, leaving the local economy high and "dry".

A vote for a "wet" town will be a major step in effecting a Renaissance in New Wilmington that will pave the way for new opportunity and a atmosphere conducive to modern college life as well as a more vibrant and colorful life for the life-long residents.

Please e-mail us with your questions or comments at getnwwet@yahoo.com .

Jay and Jennifer (Brooks) Behm
Class of 1989

Intentions and successes of (RED) product sales, business involvement

I am writing in response to the article "Red, clothes don't mean social activism, just consumerism." There is so much wrong with this article I don't know where to start.

I am an active member of the ONE Campaign which was started by the same founders of (RED). Both strive to end poverty and AIDS in Africa.

The writer refers to (RED) as a charity several times throughout her article. (RED) is not a charity.

It is an economic initiative that aims to deliver a sustainable flow of private sector money to the Global Fund. (RED) engages big business to raise awareness and funds for The Global Fund to help fight AIDS in Africa.

Private businesses contribute less than 1% of the Global Fund's resource needs. (RED) is designed to kick-start a steady flow of corporate money into the Global Fund.

The point of (RED) is to make the partner company pay money to the Global Fund by sharing a portion of its profit with people dying of AIDS in Africa.

This is a key aspect of the consumer proposition. The company pays extra - the purchaser does not.

(RED) believes that people will buy (RED) products without even knowing what (RED) is about or without even knowing what they have just made happen for Africa.

The writer says, "You're contributing to AIDS relief and you want to be sure everyone knows it."

But actually, most people don't know it. That's the best part of this idea. People don't even know they are raising funds for Africa by buying things they already want.

The writer continues to only talk about the (RED) clothes but there are many products out there and I encourage you to find out what they are. You may have already bought one!

Over $10 million has already been raised to date, reaching the grant recipients in Rwanda and Swaziland, and saving thousands of lives.

Every year 3 million people die from AIDS. Of the 40 million people infected by HIV/AIDS, Africa is home to 25 million (60%).

The disease is the leading cause of death in Africa. (RED) is the color of emergency and the color of blood which is one of the ways HIV enters the system. Making the products the color red is not a requirement; however some may choose to do so.

The key issue is the fact that someone is condemning an attempt to make a change in the world. I see so much of this and it is disheartening.

The writer commits several fallacies in her argument. Instead of proving a fact in dispute, she seeks to gain her point by diverting attention to an extraneous element. She obscures the real issue in an attempt to appeal to her audience.

The writer's ignorance contributes to our indifference. My main point is, The Global Fund doesn't care why you support their cause or you even know that you have, they are thankful that people do support them.

If you wish to condemn those who are trying to make a difference, then the issue is not within the means of change. The issue is with you.

Jordan Hinds
Class of 2006

Student participation in local elections unethical

In their letter published February 16, Ben and Ray wrote: "you are members of the Westminster and New Wilmington communities… you have a right to get involved." In part, they were promoting student participation in borough elections.

Granted, they have the legal right to do so, but ethically, should they? Using PC language, they are not yet "stakeholders" in New Wilmington Borough. They are still "in-transit." They become "stakeholders" when they move off-campus and become part of the community tax base.

Even though the law permits them to vote, they should refrain from voting on local issues until they become stakeholders.

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As the Enterprise passed through new frontiers in space, the crew was morally obligated by the Prime Directive that they not tamper or interfere with any civilization that they might encounter in their travels.

In New Wilmington, the Prime Directive is not legally binding, but students should consider its implications before deciding whether or not they have the moral authority to cast a vote on borough matters.

Just because one is legally entitled to vote does not mean that one has the ethical standing to do so.

Bill Murray
Class of 1972

Is wetter necessarily better?

Just how close is close enough? That is the question at hand for many New Wilmington voters this season concerning the sale of alcohol.

Many students seem excited by the prospect of legalizing the sale of alcohol inside the town. However, there are two things I think everyone should consider before they run to the polls: the admitted problem of underage drinking on campus and the question of alcohol's real importance to us.

Underage drinking happens on campus. I know that someone who is of legal age to drink might say, "its not my responsibility to keep these kids out of the beer".

But as a college community, shouldn't we want to look after each other? If I had a quarter for every time I heard the phrase, "I know underage drinking happens on this campus no matter what, so I won't tell you not to…" my college tuition would probably be paid for by now.

Granted, students who want to break the law will always find a way, but has it occurred to anyone that making alcohol more available in the area would only increase this type of behavior?

"We, of all people, should want to protect the functions of our brain (especially when we're doling out so much cash to be filling it up).

That being said, we need to ask the question "why would we, the college students, desire to bring alcohol into the community?" Alcohol can alter the moods, feelings, and actions of a person.

We, of all people, should want to protect the functions of our brain (especially when we're doling out so much cash to be filling it up).

I understand the importance of a weekend bash, and I know New Wilmington isn't the most fascinating of places. But honestly (in my opinion), if we, not just as college students, but human beings, need alcohol to have a good time, we've really hit rock bottom.

Shannon Bobbert
Class of 2010

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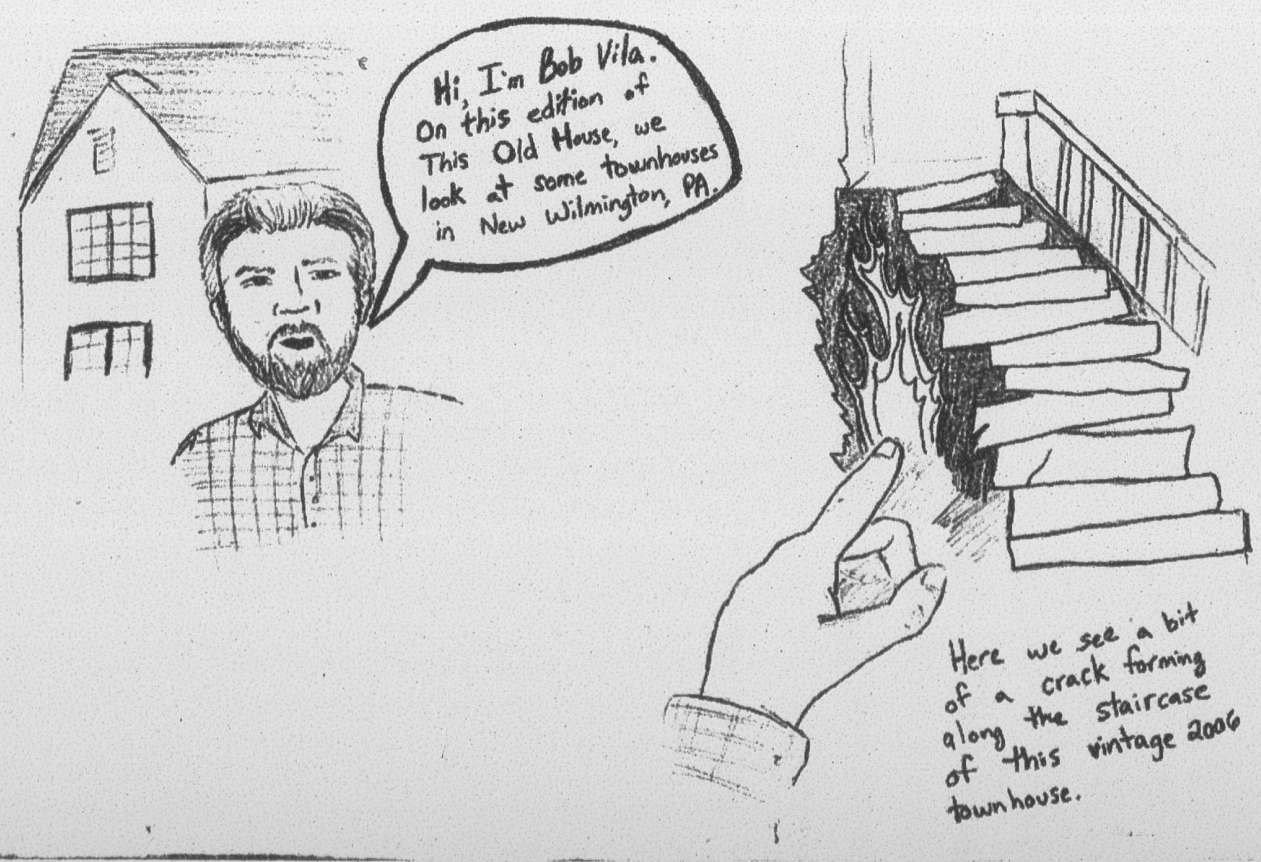

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REGIONAL

Groups seek shutdown of Texas center for immigrant families

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Immigrant families, many with small children, are being kept in jail-like conditions in Texas and Pennsylvania, according to advocacy groups that say the Texas facility is inhumane and should be shut down.

In a report being released Thursday, the groups seek the immediate closure of the T. Don Hutto Residential Center north of Austin, the Texas capital. The center, which opened in May, used to be a jail.

The groups, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, based their findings on their members' visits and interviews with detainees. At the Hutto site, a child secretly passed a visitor a note that read: "Help us and ask us questions," the report said. The groups reported that many of the detainees cried during interviews.

"What hits you the hardest in there is that it's a prison. In Hutto, it's a prison," said Michelle Brane, detention and asylum project director for Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children.

The Pennsylvania center _ the Berks County Shelter Care Facility _ has about 84 beds and the Texas facility can house up to 512 people. The groups fear that government will expand detentions in similar facilities.

That facility, a former nursing home in Leesport, Pa., about 50 miles northwest of Philadelphia, is "less jail-like," allowing families to go on field trips and having a better education system for children. But it also has problems, the groups said. It is part of a larger juvenile facility housing U.S. citizens charged with or convicted of crimes and detained juveniles.

The groups suggested that immigration officials release families who are not found to be a security risk, and said the federal government should consider less punitive alternatives to the detention centers, such as parole, electronic bracelets and shelters run by nonprofit groups.

"Unless there's some crime or some danger, families don't belong in detention," said Ralston H. Deffenbaugh, president of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. "This whole idea of trying to throw kids and their parents in a penal-like situation is destructive of all the normal family relationships we take for granted."

"ICE's detention facilities maintain safe, secure and humane conditions and invest heavily in the welfare of the detained alien population," Raimondi said.

NATIONAL

Anti-Islam literature distributed

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - A high school teacher allowed a group whose declared mission is to "raise an awareness of the danger of Islam" to distribute literature in his class, including a handout titled "Do Not Marry a Muslim Man," according to an advocacy group.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations says a representative from the Kamil International Ministries Organization, based in Raleigh, spoke to a ninth-grade world history class at Enloe High School and distributed the literature, which also discussed Jesus.

The father of a Muslim student reported the incident, said CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper. The council wrote to Wake County schools Superintendent Del Burns asking that the incident be investigated and that the teacher be disciplined.

Burns had not received the letter, but an investigation is under way and officials will take appropriate disciplinary action, district spokeswoman Kristin Flenniken said.

The teacher has not been named. A call by The Associated Press to the high school's principal, Beth Cochran, was not immediately returned Wednesday.

On its Web site, Kamil describes itself as a Christian group "dedicated to teaching the truth about Islam" and says its mission "is to raise an awareness of the danger of Islam."

A phone number for the organization could not be found. An e-mail to the group wasn't immediately returned Wednesday.

Renewable energy law enacted in Minnesota; government plans to raise bar on power

By Brian Bakst
Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. Minnesota put its faith in a future fueled by renewable energy Thursday as the governor signed a law requiring utilities to generate a quarter of their power from renewable sources such as wind, water and the sun by 2025.

Considering where Minnesota stands now - about half the power produced in the state is from coal, and only 5 percent from renewable sources - the move is the most aggressive in the country, analysts say.

"We have to break our addiction to fossil fuels," Gov. Tim Pawlenty said in signing the legislation.

The new law, which sailed through the Legislature, encourages the use of wind farms, hydroelectric power and solar energy, as well as cleaner-burning fuels.

Minnesota's move comes as states around the country stake out far-off goals for renewable energy.

More than 20 states have some type of renewable requirement or good-faith objective. Colorado is moving toward a standard of 20 percent by 2020, while New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch challenged lawmakers last week to adopt a 25 percent by 2025 requirement.

"As states are catching up with us, we want to raise the bar," Pawlenty said.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Local Death Blamed on Tainted Peanut Butter

The death of an Elwood City woman is now being blamed on salmonella related to that contaminated peanut butter recently recalled. Attorney Rob Peirce represents the family of 76-year old Roberta A. Barkay. She died on January 30. Peirce says he's filing a lawsuit in the wake of the woman's death. The attorney also says two of Barkay's relatives also became ill after eating the peanut butter. They believe the contaminated jar was purchased from a store in the Youngstown area last October.

Police Search for Missing Farrell Woman

Police in Mercer County say they have a mystery on their hands when it comes to a Farrell woman who disappeared on Valentine's Day. Southwest Mercer County Regional Police say 41-year old Shelly Misinay, a stay-at-home mother of two, was seemed to vanish and was last seen by her husband.

They're now handing out fliers with her picture hoping someone will recognize her. Police say the couple had an argument and the husband believes his wife left the house on foot early in the morning.

However, no one has seen her since. Police have also tracked her cell phone which has remained off since she vanished. Relatives say the woman was last seen wearing a pair of black-rimmed eyeglasses and a cream-colored winter coat with a fur collar.

INTERNATIONAL

India train attack this past weekend leaves 68 dead, most Pakistanis

By Matthew Rosenberg
Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI (AP) - The foreign ministers of India and Pakistan pledged Wednesday to fight terrorism together - a break from the finger-pointing that has often marked the aftermath of attacks like this week's bombing that killed 68 people on a train linking the two rivals.

India, however, ruled out the possibility of a joint investigation, underscoring the lingering hostility between two nations whose conflict has often defined - and destabilized - South Asia for nearly six decades.

Investigators searched for two men who were allowed to jump off the Samjhauta Express shortly before a pair of bombs went off, sparking a fire that engulfed two coaches and killed 68 people, most of them Pakistanis, police said. Sketches of the two men were released Tuesday.

After meeting for about two hours in New Delhi, the foreign ministers condemned Sunday night's attack and said the peace process would move forward. They also witnessed the signing of an agreement to reduce the threat of accidentally triggering a nuclear war.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri called the attack a "horrendous tragedy" that "has underlined the need for cooperation."

Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said whoever was behind the "heinous crime" would be brought to justice, but added that "the investigation has to be carried on by India."

India, however, will share the results of its investigation with Pakistani authorities at the first meeting of a joint anti-terrorism initiative on March 6 in Islamabad, the Pakistan capital.

Although no longer on the edge of war, India and Pakistan remain far from lasting peace. Their animosity is mostly over Kashmir, a largely Muslim Himalayan region divided between them but claimed by both.

The Pakistanis say progress on Kashmir would help them rein in militants fighting to end Indian rule in two-thirds of the disputed region.

The two countries have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir. Despite the deep mistrust on each side, both countries would face heavy consequences for abandoning the peace process.

Another conflict with Pakistan would undercut India's astounding economic growth and deal a setback to its aspirations of becoming a great power.

For Pakistan, keeping up with India's much larger military is a serious drain on the country's resources and distracts from more pressing problems facing the government of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, particularly keeping Islamic extremists in check.

"The process is becoming blast proof, but I'm saying it with a lot of caution," said C. Uday Bhaskar, a senior analyst at the Institute for Defense Studies in New Delhi.

"There has been a certain degree of determination among the leaders on both sides to continue with the process and a sense that there is real movement in back channels," he added, referring to informal talks where the most sensitive issues are discussed.

Indian officials have claimed there was Pakistani involvement in previous attacks, including the Mumbai bombings. But most of the victims of Sunday's attack were Pakistani, helping assuage suspicions in India.

Relations between the two countries have been hostile since the bloody partition of the subcontinent into predominantly Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan after independence from Britain in 1947.

India accuses Pakistan of supporting Islamic militants who have fought Indian security forces in Kashmir since 1989. Pakistan acknowledges that some militants are based on its territory, but insists it only gives them diplomatic, not material, backing.

The peace process began in 2004, and has helped ease tensions. Shortly after the process started, the countries restored the train link, suspended after a 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament that India blamed on Pakistan and which nearly led to a war.

Political Pong: Spring Break with the Bush twins

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Anyone who has been outside knows that the temperature has felt like twenty degrees below zero for the past two weeks. I'm not sure about everybody else, but these extremely cold temperatures have made me ready for spring now.

Earlier this month, Punxsutawney Phil projected an early spring. If my calculations are correct, spring weather should be here just in time for Westminster's spring break which starts on March 2.

We all know what spring break means to us: relaxing, sleeping, but most importantly, traveling. Hop in your hybrid cars Democrats, we're going on a political spring break road trip.

1. New Castle, PA

My first stop on my dream political spring break would have to be Sheetz in New Castle because all good road trips start with Sheetz.

2. New York City

My reason for stopping here is to watch a taping of the Colbert Report which should provide me with a good warm up for the more liberal part of the trip which is about to come.

3. Washington DC

Our nation's capital is a wonderful place, which is why I have chosen it as my next stop on the trip. While in Washington DC, I will be meeting with former President Bill Clinton, who I heard is going to DC for spring break too, to reminisce about the good years. Talking about the low gas prices, loyal allies globally, and strong economy of the 1990s is sure to put anyone in a good mood. Also, who wouldn't want to tour Washington DC with a former president?

4. Crawford, TX

I know what you're thinking; what is a liberal doing in Texas? Granted, spring break should be about doing everything you don't get to do at college like relaxing and wasting the day away, but everyone should have an adventurous story from spring break. This is why I've arranged to do some protesting at the Bush family house.

I would have done this at the White House in Washington DC, but I knew that he would be here on his third spring break of the year. Ok, maybe I was lying and I need to come clean. The real reason I'm going to Crawford is because my travel agent set me up on a date with the Bush twins.

5. Las Vegas

A couple years ago, President Bush gave me a tax break. I've been saving that money since then and now have found the perfect way to spend it by gambling it all away in Las Vegas. Obviously, this is the type of investment that Bush wanted me to make with my money because gambling it will surely increase jobs in America.

Okay, you caught me again. I'm not 21, and I didn't get a tax break, but Las Vegas is still a cool place to visit.

6. Cabo San Lucas

Oh, wait. This stop has nothing to do with politics.

Maybe you didn't like the liberal spots I picked to visit on my trip. If you're designing your own political trip, here are a couple liberal places to visit: Hollywood, Canada, Detroit, and San Francisco. I also figured I'd do a little research and find out where the most conservative cities are in America so that you'd know to avoid them.

Unless you're in Texas for reasons similar to mine, don't go there. Another state with large number of conservative cities is Utah. Fortunately, Utah isn't known as the hot spring break spot, so there shouldn't be any problems.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

If you haven't been counting down the days until spring break, I'm not sure if you're a real college student. It's the first sign of summer, and it usually means a destination so balmy and tropical the prospect of returning to a thirty degree Pennsylvania winter is sickening. After the last couple weeks of frigid weather we've been having, thirty degrees is downright hot, but I guess it doesn't compare to seventy-five and sunny.

I think almost everyone I know is going to Myrtle Beach this spring break. They're taking the money they've scrapped up from tax returns and bartending tabs and making a run for South Carolina. I'm not really sure why; South Carolina isn't that warm this time of year, and someone will probably end up with frostbite from the ocean. If I had my way over those ten days, I'd make it a Republican road trip to remember, grabbing my stock market earnings and taking the Hummer on a cruise.

First, I would call up the Bush twins. Spring break just wouldn't be a proper Grand Old Party without them. Hopefully they'd let a fellow Republican come down to their place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where it's whole lot warmer than it is here. I'm sure they know the party scene down there pretty well.

After a couple days in South America, I would ask them to come along with me to Crawford, Texas, and show me around their father's place. We'd drive by the protestors (who should probably be doing something more worth their time than standing hundreds of feet from the ranch and holding signs; it's just bothering the family), waving our cowboy hats and smiling. No one should be unhappy about anything during spring break.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

Out at the ranch, I would definitely want to go four-wheeling with the President. He might ask me to go on a bike ride with him, but there's nothing better than the wind through your hair on an ATV, and driving through the Texas terrain has to be quite an experience. Every real country girl would love to take that trip. Yeeeee-haw.

Afterward, I'd assume my proper place in the kitchen and help the girls cook a Southern meal: pulled pork and hush puppies. After serving the men first, we'd sit down next to them and look pretty, not speaking until we're spoken to. When asked a question, I would respond with whatever the men at the table would approve of. Wait – wrong era. People don't actually do that anymore.

Eventually, the twins would have to go back to Argentina, so I'd call up Vice President Cheney and ask him if he had time to teach me how to hunt properly. I've had my camouflage jumpsuit hidden in my closet for years; no better time than now to dust it off and take a day to hide in a tree stand. I would ask him to show me the proper guns to use for particular animals and promptly go purchase his recommendations for my growing collection.

At the end of the trip I'd hopefully have an invitation to the Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine. It's a beautiful coastal town and would be a great escape when summer becomes too much to handle. They sell lobster in McDonalds up there; I can't imagine it gets much better than that.

So while ya'll are freezing on the beaches of South Carolina and partying hard, I'll be dreaming of a trip to Texas. The key word, unfortunately, is dreaming. But one thing is for sure, Democrat or Republican, spring break is ten days away from the Dub-C. Enjoy it, kids.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Presenter speaks Greek: "Buy In, or Get Out!"

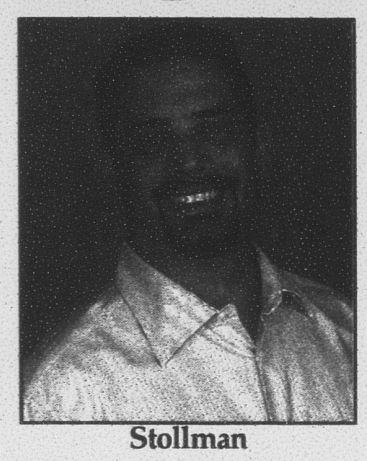
By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

David Stollman spoke to the Greek community this past Monday, Feb. 19.

Stollman has spoken to this campus twice before and has visited more than 400 campuses. His symposium carried a ringing slogan, "buy in or get out."

Before Stollman addressed the Greek body, he dined with representatives of each fraternity and some sororities at McGinnis cafeteria to explore how our Greeks handled risk, recruitment and teaching/training pledges.

"I felt that having a small group of representatives from the frater-



Stollman

nities on campus helped both Stollman and the organizations," says junior Jeff Czerniejewski, a representative of Westminster Greek life who accompanied Stollman to the dinner. "The dinner helped him focus his presentation on what we need to improve upon, and the dinner helped the representatives understand what needs to be done in our respective organizations."

Stollman presented a discussion on what being Greek entails. When one pledges a fraternity, they become associated with a greater organization with ideals that should inspire good actions. Yet, Greeks are stereotyped otherwise.

Stollman addressed several stereotypes of Greeks: drunkenness, poor academics, hazing, sex, vandalism, fighting, superficiality, racism, drugs, and rape. He called brothers and sisters to break such stereotypes and return to the ideals that the organization's founders have set.

"Our Greek system is like any Greek system over the country," explains the college's Greek faculty advisor, Coach D. Scott Renninger. "It's in need of work; but anything of value requires constant work to keep getting better. I think that was [Stollman's] emphasis."

Stollman called for action, and posed the question, "Is being Greek something you do, or is it something you are?"

Stollman's message resonated with Greek students.

"Many members join fraternities for the benefits of off campus

housing and socialization without buying into the ideals of the Fraternity," junior Alpha Sigma Phi Matthew Steffy said. "Stollman challenges member to break the stereotypes of Greek life by being active in the community and on campus."

All-campus meeting held

Williamson discusses endowment, new GPA requirements

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

President Williamson announced last week at the all-campus meeting a plan to increase the college's endowment in hopes of becoming more competitive with other colleges.

Last Thursday afternoon, President Williamson informed the college community of several elements of the long-range plans drafted by the Board of Trustees to make the college more competitive by increasing endowments over the next several years.

The goal of the plan is to build up the financial strength during a twenty year period in order to establish a strong fiscal base for improving the college, specifically providing a more quality education at a more affordable price. The long-range goal is to raise $200 million by 2027.

"Increasing endowments per student will drive all other measures of Westminster's success," President Williamson said, referring to graduation rate, peer ratings and selectivity, among other measures.

Endowment is stocks, bonds and other investments set aside by the college. Resources that fuel the operating costs of the college typically come from four different sources: tuition, endowments, state subsidies and "friends of the college." A private college can only count on two of these resources: tuition from students and existing endowment. Friends of the college can, if they choose to do so, make personal contributions to endowment.

With access to only two sources, the college is forced to rely more heavily on tuition and endowments as sources of revenue. Members of administration are aware of the challenge of delivering a quality education at an affordable price while still raising money for endowment and that sustaining the school's missions. By increasing endowment though, there will be more money set aside to assist students in paying tuition.

By refining the college's long-range goals in terms of endowment, members of administration and the Board of Trustees hope to accomplish several things: create more scholarships for students, attract more quality students and professors and improve on the college's current national ranking, which, in turn, will allow it to become more selective in the admissions process.

An example of one of the board's goals in terms of increasing the college's selectivity is to move the admission policy from a GPA minimum of 2.5 to 3.0 for prospective students within the next five to ten years.

Currently, the college is ranked number 119 in the U.S. News and World Report ranking of America's best liberal arts colleges. By increasing the current endowment of about $95 million ($68,000 per student) to an eventual $1 billion, members of the board believes that the college will become more competitive with the endowments of other top-ranked colleges and thus significantly improve the quality of the college for years to come.

English majors to present capstone projects at conference

By Tiffany Snyder
Campus writer

Students will present their senior capstone projects at Susquehanna University's Third Annual Undergraduate Literature and Creative Writing Conference on Feb. 18-20.

Representing Westminster for the first time at the Creative Writing Conference are Sherri Breitigan, Kathrine Hutchison and Caitlin Pratt.

Students from about 33 other colleges such as the University of Texas, University of the South Pacific and Bucknell will be attending. Each participant received a grant from the Drinko Center and the students will be accompanied at the conference by Dr. Sprow.

"It is a very prestigious honor to be accepted into this national conference," Dr. Sprow said.

All three students had to send in an abstract of the capstone to Susquehanna University. They were chosen out of many applications from colleges all over the country.

Each student will be placed in a session with other college students based on their different topics. They will make a 15 minute presentation and the session will last for an hour.

There are two writing categories: creative and critical. Breitigan and Pratt will be presenting critical and Hutchison will be presenting both critical and creative.

"This is a great opportunity for students from different colleges to share their work with each other," senior Caitlin Pratt said.

Breitigan will be speaking about "Redefining Lewis Carroll: A Journey from Life to Poetry to Wonderland." This is a personal analysis of Lewis Carroll using his poetry and his novel, Alice in Wonderland, to gain a better understanding of his character.

Hutchison will be presenting her critical piece on Kate Chopin's The Awakening. She has written about nature imagery as it relates to the main character's emotions. Her creative presentation will be a non-fiction writing piece based on nature.

Pratt will be speaking about "The Oldest Trick in the Book: Language and Oppression in A Handmaid's Tale and 1984" which talks about and analyzes language as a tool of the oppression of women.

"I'm very thankful to have such a wonderful opportunity to share my research with other students in my field," senior Katie Hutchison said. "I also am excited to learn what other literature students are researching."

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Campus News

Chipping party yields compost to eventually become soil

Photo by Katie Chandley

These Christmas trees will be chipped and combined with organic wastes to form a compost that will eventually become usable soil.

By Jenna C. Retort
Campus writer

White has been a prevalent color throughout the month of February, but the local Kiwanis Club and the director of the Field Station are preparing to think "green."

Since Christmas, members of the community have been able to dispose of Christmas trees at the Field Station or at a temporary site by the New Wilmington United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, all of the trees collected will have a second life after the annual Chipping Party.

"In each of the past eight years more than 100 such trees have been collected and recycled," Field Station director Clarence Harms said. "This means that over 800 trees have been rescued from landfills."

This past year, 110 trees were collected from the drop off sites, more than any other year. The trees that are collected are either placed as animal shelters or are chipped and used for composting.

The chipping is achieved through the use of an industrial chipper that is capable of chipping trees nine inches in diameter. The chipper is able to dispose of a medium sized tree, roughly five inches in diameter, within 30 seconds.

The chips are then used to form piles of compost that are mixed with organic wastes that come from the community and the campus such as food and leaves.

During a period of four months, the piles are stirred periodically and become functional soil.

"That soil is what we depend on to plant trees at the field station," Harms said. "We also give the soil away to those who want to plant their own trees."

In addition, if students would like to have plants in their rooms, Harms urges them to bring a bag to the field station and he will give plenty of good soil in which to plant.

"I wasn't aware that the field station did composting, but it is great that we have the opportunity to use the composted soil that comes from recycled trees," sophomore Sarah Petcovic said.

The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. until noon and the campus and community are invited to attend.

In addition to chipping trees, there will be paper shredders to grate paper and magazines for composting for those who are hesitant to use the industrial chipper.

Furthermore, hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided by several campus organizations, and a bonfire to keep everyone warm.

"I think that this event is a good way to help the environment, and it doesn't hurt that there will be a bonfire and hot cocoa," freshman Jessica Farrelly said.

This is an event that Harms enjoys and hopes to continue. As a field biologist, he greatly enjoys the outdoors - even during the cold weather.

"I also enjoy the party for two more reasons: The camaraderie among friends, and the fact that we are putting used trees to a good use and keeping them out of already crowded landfills," Harms said.

Kisses for Kids benefits Children's Miracle Network

By Lurene McDonald
Campus writer

The sweet reward of helping children was the goal of Phi Mu's Kisses for Kids fundraiser, which benefited the Children's Miracle Network.

During the lunch hours of Feb. 12 -14, Phi Mu sisters sold Valentine chocolate treats for one dollar in the TUB. The proceeds of the sale went to the CMN charity–Phi Mu's national philanthropy. The whole sorority participated in the event.

"The sisters of Phi Mu are very active in our philanthropy events to raise money for CMN, because we have seen what a difference CMN has made in the lives of so many children," junior Laura DellAntonio, president of Phi Mu, said. "We also know that any money collected at our events will help children in our local area, and that encourages us even more to increase our philanthropic efforts."

Any donations collected from the college's chapter goes to a local hospital in the network. As in past years, the sorority has donated to Tod Children's Hospital in Youngstown.

"All the money we raise goes directly to the hopsital. They can use it for whatever they need," junior Lisa Gayetsky, philanthropy chair, said.

Phi Mu has had a long-running relationship with CMN. Since the partnership was established in 1986, the sorority has raised more than five million dollars nationally. The local chapter has defined its goals in CMN as both monetarily and service related. The sorority will continue to work toward these goals in the future.

"There are 160 children's hospitals that receive money from Phi Mu philanthropy events," DellAntonio said. "I foresee a long and supportive relationship between Phi Mu and CMN, because the sisters really believe that CMN makes a difference."

The Valentine's Day fundraiser is popular with the students. Many of them utilize the philanthropy event to show friends and sweethearts their affections.

"I think Kisses for Kids is a wonderful fundraiser," junior Amanda Allwang said. "It is a great way to show others how much you care."

The fundraiser is well supported by those on campus. Students have also participated in other Phi Mu events.

"Westminster Campus has been very supportive of Phi Mu's philanthropy events this year through 'Stand Up, Stand Off,' the Pancake Breakfast, and Kisses for Kids," DellAntonio said. "Phi Mu thanks all of the students and faculty for its involvement in these events this year and in the future."

The Phi Mu sorority is plans to continue its contributions to CMN. The sisters hope, through increased advertisement on campus and in the community, that more people will step forward to help their philanthropy.

Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for children's hospitals across the nation to help salvage and enhance children's lives.

The network includes 170 hospitals and is head quartered in Salt Lake City. Since the organization's founding in 1983, it has raised over $2.7 billion for those hospitals in the network.

Tod Children's Hospital is located in Youngstown and is the only medical establishment focused on children's care between Pittsburgh and Akron. The ninety-five bed center offers emergency pediatric medical care, several specialize area units and a medical team of eighty pediatricians and specialists in thirty-five medical specialties.

Phi Mu is a national Panhellenic sorority. It was founded in 1852, and the campus is home of the Beta Upsilon chapter of the sorority.

Singers attend choral festival

By Jamie Guffey
Campus writer

Students show their talents everyday on campus, and they finally recently got a chance to shine outside the campus.

At the beginning of February, eight students traveled to York College to show off their talents. York College hosted a three-day festival which highlighted many colleges. This was a friendly opportunity for colleges to get together and just make music. Conducted by the choral and jazz director Vijay Singh, students performed eight to 10 numbers. During the festival, Singh auditioned students for a quartet at the festival.

Three out of the four performers were students. Senior music major Sarah Timm was one of the four performers.

"Getting three out of the four solos shows a lot of how Westminster is in the music program," Timm said. "It really shows how outstanding we are."

Accompanying the students to the festival was Dr. Robin Lind, a professor in the music department. Westminster students had only attended this festival one other time six years ago.

To be a part of this festival one does not necessarily need to be music major or minor, but does have to be involved in the choral activities on campus. Next year Lind hopes to take about 16 students to the festival, because it will be held at Thiel College which is a lot closer. Lind was extremely proud of her students at the festival and all their accomplishments.

"It made me feel incredible; I was so proud," Lind said. "They really stood out in the three days with the musicianship and behavior."

Courtney Collins, a senior music education major, attended the festival for the first time. She loved going and was thrilled to be singing three original pieces from the conductor. She enjoyed singing to the public and showing off her own talents.

"It was a very enriching experience because the festival had 10 colleges, and you got to hear the talent outside the campus," Collins said.

Next year, students will once again travel to the festival in hopes to have the same outcome as this year. With the possibility of more students going, more will have the chance to shine and do what they love to do best: make music.

Next year's RAs to be selected

By Elizabeth C. Suders
Staff writer

Residence Life staff will be selecting their RAs for the 2007-08 school year on Feb. 23 and 24, in an interactive interview session and "The Fishbowl."

Candidates for RA positions will be interviewing Friday night and then participating in "The Fishbowl" Saturday morning from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.

"The interview is given to see the potential RAs 'Who,' as in who they are as a person," Matt Shaffer, Assistant Director of Reslife, said. "The Fishbowl' is the 'How they think and interact with each other.' By combining the two events, we get a better sense of who they are and how they would react in situations RAs typically face."

"The Fishbowl" that takes place Saturday has many exciting and fun events planned for potential RAs. In the morning they will be broken into small groups alongside current RAs.

They will participate in four different activities after being broken into their small groups. Problem solving, prioritizing, and team building are the main focuses of the small group activities.

Potential RAs will also be involved in a program run by Titan Traverse.

"The Fishbowl" gives Resident life staff an opportunity to see potential RAs interact with each other as well as with current RAs and the staff itself.

"The Fishbowl' is a really good way to see the potential RA's interaction with each other and with the rest of the Reslife staff, it gives us the opportunity to see them outside of the typical sit-down interview," Zak Lantz, RD of Russell Hall, said.

"The Fishbowl" was used last year in RA selection as well. Potential and current RAs can expect more structured and in-depth activities then last year's Fishbowl.

"The Fishbowl' lets potential RAs see what it's like to have their life examined on a regular basis," Abby Ball, RD of Hillside Hall, said. "We call it 'Fishbowl' for that reason, because as an RA, your actions and behaviors are always being watched."

After the events conclude Saturday at 1 p.m., the selection process begins. The RAs for the 2007-08 school year will be chosen by Saturday night.

"We have the selection that soon after for a reason; we want to select the RAs while the memory of their interviews is still fresh in our minds," Shaffer said.

Titan Tavern starts out rockin'

By Amanda Smallhoover
Campus writer

The bands Shaded Gray and Valley Below made their mark on students last Friday night in the first Titan Tavern concert of this semester.

Students and adults came out to watch performances by these bands in the Berlin Lounge.

Shaded Gray was the opening act from Zelienople. This acoustic band showed their vocal abilities in an eleven song set.

Shaded Gray was followed by the band Valley Below. Their lead signer is sophomore Levi Sanchez. This folk/blues/rock band has played a number of times on campus.

Sophomore JD Eicher is responsible for booking the bands to perform at Titan Tavern. He tries to focus his selection on bands from our campus or local areas.

"Both Shaded Gray and Valley Below are solid bands," Eicher said. "They play great music that appeal to our college audience."

Valley Below performed a very diverse set on Friday night. They mainly performed original songs ranging from blues to rock, and they also covered songs originally recorded by artists ranging from Tom Petty to The Beatles. The band even incorporated two unique songs for Valentine's Day. The audience enjoyed a happy love song from Bright Eyes as well as an emotional Bob Dylan hit. Valley Below loves performing at Titan Tavern, which is why they played such a special set.

"It's a lot of fun doing shows here; the Berlin Lounge is a great place to perform," Sanchez said. "A good number of students typically come to watch the concerts."

The Titan Tavern is used to introduce new and local bands to students. There are three to six shows a semester. Audience participation is a huge part of the concerts.

Shaded Gray even had an audience member come on stage to "beatbox" for them. Both bands encouraged the audience to clap along, allowing everyone to be a part of the performance.

"I love Titan Tavern. The shows bring a good crowd into the Berlin Lounge," sophomore Rachel Webb said. "I always have a good time at the shows, especially tonight. I am a fan of both Shaded Gray and Valley Below and own both CDs."

This Friday night, Feb 23, the concerts will continue. At 9 p.m. Avelena Falls, Circus! Circus! and The Victory Year will be performing with Inductions of Reason.

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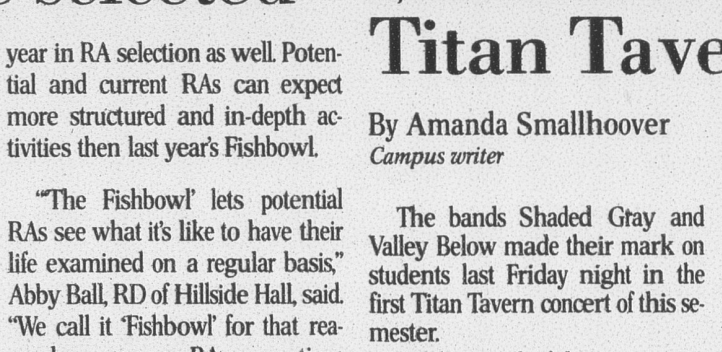

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Dine 'n' Shine teaches etiquette, proper dress

By Tom Benoit
Campus writer

Seniors were given a free lesson on etiquette Wednesday, Feb. 21 with help from the career center.

Dine N' Shine, an event where seniors get to have dinner, also includes a lesson in etiquette. The dinner taught basic table manners which would be expected at a formal business lunch or dinner.

The event also had a segment designed to teach students about proper clothing to wear when attending a business meeting or dinner.

Senior Katie Crompton was excited to go to before the event.

"It will give me useful tips that I should know, but wasn't formally taught," Crompton said.

Going into its eleventh year, the Dine N' Shine also had a special theme this year. According to Jackie Meade in the career center, the theme was "Night at the Oscars" and was free for all seniors.

Senior Mike Wolenski also liked the idea of Dine N' Shine.

"I think it's cool when the career center does things like this," Wolenski said. "They make this stuff fun to learn."

The models who showed the seniors how to dress were underclass volunteers. Clothes were borrowed from the Grove City Outlets.

Campus News

Alum organizes event to benefit third-world countries

By Bridget Roth
Campus writer

Activist and alumnus Jordan Hinds organized the BE ONE-GET INSPI(RED) event that was hosted at the Brillobox Bar in Pittsburgh last Saturday, February 17.

Hinds became involved in the global campaign to support third world countries after viewing a public service announcement that called people to action.

Hinds then investigated his options and soon became a part of the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition (PDEC). This coalition works to call attention to the mass killings, rape and torture, as well as the destruction of villages and the displacement of more than two million people that has occurred in Darfur, Western Sudan.

With the help of PDEC, Hinds organized the BE ONE-GET INSPI(RED) Event.

"People always think that someone else is going to do something about a problem," Hinds said. "Well, I am that someone else and I'm trying to motivate others to action."

The concert united two nationwide campaigns that share one central goal: fighting AIDS. The ONE Campaign joined forces with the GET INSPI(RED) Campaign to sponsor this concert, in hopes of spreading awareness of this global issue and gaining support.

The concert included live performances from CK9 & The Old Allstars, Good Seed, and DJ Selecta. These local area bands donated their time to the event.

Throughout the evening, pamphlets were distributed to raise awareness about the major issues, such as AIDS, that are currently affecting third world countries. Concert attendees were also encouraged to wear red to show their support of the cause.

"I saw firsthand what excellent event planning skills Jordan possesses, as well as his dedication to a worthy cause during our PRSSA benefit concert, Titanfest," senior Sherri Slafka said. "Jordan was motivated enough to put the tremendous event together the fall of his senior year and raised over $1,200 for the Epilepsy Foundation."

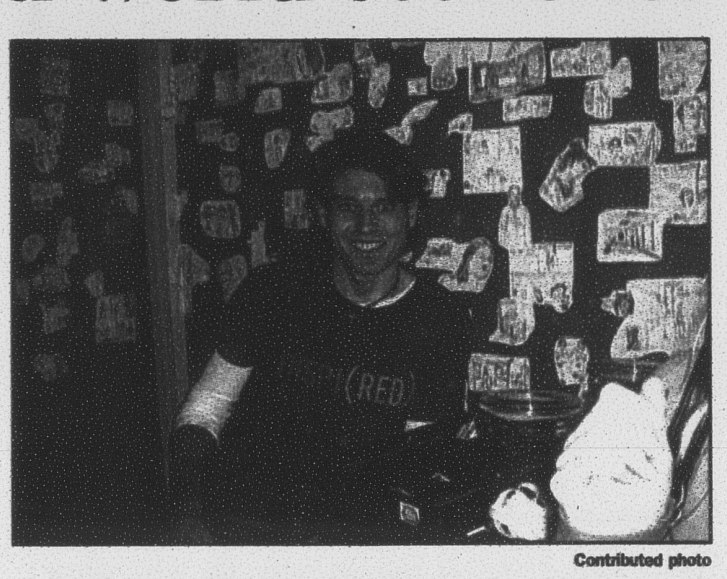
The BE ONE-GET INSPI(RED) event, which charged a $6 cover charge, will donate all profits to Keep A Child Alive, Doctors without Borders, and the Global Fund, which are charities that work to assist in ending the Global AIDS Pandemic.

"I think it's very encouraging to see a Westminster graduate giving his time to better the world," sophomore Jenna Cunningham said. "I hope that people will follow the example he has set."

The ONE Campaign is an effort to unite Americans in the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty.

The name for this campaign was developed from the idea that if the U.S. budget allocated an additional one percent to providing basic needs like health education and clean water and food, it could transform the futures of those in the world's poorest countries.

The (PRODUCT)RED campaign was created to raise awareness and money for The Global Fund. Many companies, such as Motorola, are now selling (PRODUCT)RED branded products with the hope of spreading awareness.



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Jordan Hines '06 helped organize an event to raise awareness of the (PRODUCT)RED movement.

A percentage of each (PRODUCT)RED product sold is donated to The Global Fund, which helps women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Hefner takes second in martial arts competition

Photo by Sky

Senior Tracy Hefner, left, took second place at the King Cobra Open Karate Competition Jan. 27. Dr. Goldberg, right, who teaches karate on-campus.

By Liz McLaughlin
Campus writer

Senior Tracy Hefner proved that she could pack a punch placing second at the King Cobra Open Karate Competition.

The tournament was held in Erie on Jan. 27. According to the King Cobra Web site, the tournament had over 500 competitors, 72 divisions and 688 awards. Hefner as well as senior Stephen Sumpter and juniors Andrew Miller and Michael Gorka attended the competition. Hefner, who began her martial arts career at age 14, won second place in the advanced kata competition that was open to women aged 18-25.

"It was a great honor. I feel as if I did my best and deserved what I got. The girl who got first deserved it and has probably studied longer than I have, so it was a good match," Hefner said.

This was the first tournament attended by students from the karate classes on campus. Hefner was the only one to compete, while Sumpter, Miller and Gorka were there to support her and soak in the atmosphere. The students were accompanied to the competition by Dr. Goldberg, assistant professor of philosophy, who teaches karate on campus.

"It was a nice open tournament with many styles. The students really enjoyed it," Goldberg said.

Goldberg began studying Shorin-ryu, a style of martial arts, in 1979. He has been teaching martial arts for 15 years. Karate classes are held in Old 77 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:10 to 4:10 p.m. and are open to everyone.

"Dr. Goldberg has structured class in a way that makes it challenging and fun. We also have different equipment to mix up our training routines," Miller said.

Shorin-ryu is the style of martial arts studied on campus. According to Word IQ, Shorin-ryu is thought to have been created in the late 1800s by Sokon Matsumura. It is defined by natural breathing and direct, rather than circular, motions.

"Shorin-ryu is one of the major styles of Okinawan martial arts. It's great to study, and it has a great lineage," Goldberg said.

Timm to compete for Miss Pennsylvania

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

One of Westminster's own is going to compete in the Miss Pennsylvania beauty pageant this coming summer.

Sarah Timm, a senior music education major who has been competing in beauty pageants for years, now has a chance at not only Miss Pennsylvania, but Miss America as well.

"My goal for the whole year was to make it to Miss Pennsylvania; now I have bigger goals" Timm said. "My goal is to make it into the top ten at Miss America, but if I get top talent, I'll be really happy."

Sarah Timm, who originates from Saint Mary's, PA, recently won the title of Miss Moraine State America.

Previously, she had competed in Miss Brockway, Miss Golden Triangle, Miss Central PA/ Greater Juniata Valley, Miss Midstate and Miss Butler, placing first or second runner up in all except two.

The Miss America pageants judge based on five categories, including Interview, Swimsuit/ Lifestyle, Talent, Evening Wear, and Onstage question.

"I especially appreciate the Talent portion of the competition," said Timm. "I think if you're going to be a role model you should have something that is uniquely yours that you can share."

Timm's talent is performing the song "Girl in 14G," which showcases her ability to sing three different styles of music, all in one song. Within just two minutes, she uses Broadway, opera and jazz styles.

"You have to be able to balance a lot to do pageants; they're socially oriented, you have to be able to interact with the public in a candid way," said Timm. "You learn a lot about leadership and self when you're involved that much."

On top of her pageantry, Sarah Timm is involved in many campus organizations. She founded the American Red Cross Club on campus, and is the president of SWAT. She is also involved with CPC, SAA, Dance Theater, Mortar Board, Sigma Kappa sorority, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Sigma Pi, Alpha Psi Omega, Mu Phi Epsilon, Concert Choir, Theater Westminster and other music organizations.

"I'm really busy, I don't know how I fit it all in," Timm said. "I have to give up a lot, weekends especially; but you have to make sacrifices in order to do well."

For more information on the Miss Pennsylvania pageant, visit the website www.misspa.org.

Timm would also love to talk to anyone interested in pageantry.

"Pageantry is amazing; it's like a whole other world," Timm said. "If you're competing in pageants, don't be discouraged, you have to keep going; you'll be rewarded for it in the end."

Timm

Diversity

Five more students get to live off-campus

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with a disability, Rosko feels that the school does not provide for her and other students with physical limitation in the way that it should.

"Imagine not being able to visit your friends in Ferguson," Rosko said. "Imagine not being able to go to Eich except for the floor on the left hand side; you can't get into Russell at all; imagine trying to get into Hoyt when you can't even open the door."

The students on the panel and present members of the faculty hoped to continue to see growth in diversity on campus. Parker expressed a need for more minority recruitment within Pennsylvania to decrease the economic barrier that may keep students from attending the school. Duckett wants to see more activities for Black History month on campus. Dean hopes to include diversity issues in the curriculum. Bentley wants students to look within themselves and beyond their old ideas. Rosko emphasizes the need for accessibility on campus.

As BSU and Allies celebrate their 25th anniversary this year, members of both organizations are happy with the changes they've seen, but hope to see more in the years to come. They encouraged students to ask questions and to be aware of the state of diversity on campus.

Lottery

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off-campus while still filling the residence halls.

Off-campus living, however, offers many freedoms that college dorms cannot. Many students want the opportunity to "practice" living independently.

At the last "SGA Time of the Month Meeting," senators found that the insufficient number of off-campus spots was a major concern among students.

As part of the judicial committee, and a supporter of off-campus living, Callie Croushore set out to help increase the number.

"I was hoping for 20 more spots," Croushore said.

She first contacted Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Gina Vance, and then was directed to Dean Neal Edman and finally to President Williamson himself. As a result, five more spots will be given away this spring to those still interested in living off campus. The method of dividing these spots between men and women is still to be determined.

Croushore believes that she has "accomplished something, but there should have been more." Unfortunately, Croushore herself was not chosen to live off-campus next fall, and hopes that her efforts will help the student body and perhaps herself.

"Living off-campus has more freedoms–no meal plan or visitation hours," Croushore said. "Also, it teaches you responsibility like how to pay for utilities and buy your own groceries, things that you don't necessarily learn in Berlin Village."

According the Residence Life website, the college prides itself as a small, residential liberal arts community where students are expected to live on campus.

Originally, off-campus living was only offered when there wasn't adequate space in the residence halls. The site also points out that "national studies show that students who live on campus perform better academically, are more likely to graduate in our years, and are more involved in the campus community."

Play

Theatre Westminster presents All My Sons

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and present wars.

"Lame Horses, Cracked Engine Blocks, and $600 Toilet Seats: Two Hundred Years of Supplying the U.S. Military" will be presented in Mueller Theatre in the McKelvey Campus Center. The presentations will be given by Dr. Timothy Cuff, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Angela Lahr, visiting assistant professor of history; they will discuss the history of U.S. military procurement and provision, which will set a context for the problems noted in All My Sons.

"We are going to try to keep the presentation short so we can get to the discussion," Lahr said. "It will be interesting to hear what people have to say."

The presentation is giving a background to the play and ideas that will open up for discussion on the current situation in Iraq and past mistakes made involving the relationship between government and its businesses during a time of war.

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Weather History

A blizzard on Feb. 23, 1936, in Donner Pass, Calif., trapped more than 750 motorists; seven died. The automobile made travel through the western mountains less hazardous, but it is still dangerous.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	30	16	pc	37	27	pc	45	30	r	37	22	sf	33	21	sf
Butler, PA	31	14	pc	37	24	pc	44	32	r	38	23	sf	34	19	sf
Cambridge, OH	38	17	pc	41	28	pc	48	34	r	39	26	sf	36	23	sf
Canton, OH	33	16	pc	37	27	pc	45	31	r	38	23	sf	34	22	sf
Cincinnati, OH	44	28	pc	45	37	r	52	33	r	46	29	c	42	28	c
Clarion, PA	28	12	pc	34	21	pc	42	27	i	35	23	sf	33	17	sf
Clarksburg, WV	36	17	pc	47	27	pc	51	36	r	43	27	sf	38	27	sf
Cleveland, OH	30	18	pc	34	26	pc	42	32	i	37	25	sf	35	23	sf
Columbus, OH	40	20	pc	43	33	pc	47	33	r	38	25	sf	38	27	sf
Cumberland, MD	39	18	pc	40	24	pc	38	28	i	43	27	sf	38	24	sf
Erie, PA	27	14	sf	32	24	pc	40	28	i	35	24	sf	36	25	sf
Franklin, PA	30	13	pc	36	22	pc	43	26	i	37	23	sf	34	18	sf
Greensburg, PA	34	15	pc	38	27	pc	45	32	r	42	26	sf	36	23	sf
Greenville, PA	30	14	pc	34	23	pc	42	29	i	36	22	sf	33	19	sf
Grove City, PA	32	13	pc	36	23	pc	43	29	i	37	22	sf	34	19	sf
Hagerstown, MD	38	20	s	39	27	s	37	31	r	44	30	pc	44	27	c
Indiana, PA	28	15	pc	36	25	pc	43	34	i	41	27	sf	38	25	sf
Jamestown, NY	21	12	sf	28	21	pc	37	27	r	32	23	sf	32	19	sf
Kittanning, PA	32	15	pc	37	25	pc	45	34	r	39	25	sf	36	22	sf
Lisbon, OH	36	17	pc	36	26	pc	44	31	r	37	23	sf	34	22	sf
Mansfield, OH	31	17	pc	39	27	pc	43	31	i	36	21	sf	36	22	sf
Marietta, OH	40	20	pc	43	30	pc	55	37	r	43	27	sf	39	26	sf
McKeesport, PA	34	15	pc	41	28	pc	44	31	r	40	26	sf	35	22	sf
Meadville, PA	25	14	pc	33	22	pc	42	28	i	35	23	sf	33	20	sf
Morgantown, WV	35	18	pc	43	28	pc	52	36	r	47	27	sh	39	25	sf
New Castle, PA	34	14	pc	36	25	pc	44	31	r	37	22	sf	34	21	sf
Oil City, PA	28	14	pc	37	23	pc	44	27	i	37	24	sf	34	19	sf
Pittsburgh, PA	32	17	pc	37	26	pc	43	32	r	40	26	sf	35	23	sf
Sharon, PA	32	13	pc	34	24	pc	43	30	i	36	22	sf	33	20	sf
Somerset, PA	25	14	pc	34	24	pc	42	26	i	36	23	sf	33	19	sf
Steubenville, OH	35	17	pc	41	27	pc	45	34	r	40	25	sf	35	22	sf
Uniontown, PA	35	16	pc	43	26	pc	50	34	r	42	25	sf	38	23	sf
Warren, OH	32	15	pc	34	25	pc	43	31	i	36	22	sf	34	21	sf
Washington, PA	33	13	pc	41	24	pc	46	30	r	40	23	sf	35	21	sf
Waynesburg, PA	34	15	pc	42	26	pc	49	33	r	43	25	sf	37	23	sf
Wheeling, WV	32	17	pc	42	28	pc	46	34	r	40	25	sf	35	24	sf
Youngstown, OH	30	14	pc	34	24	pc	44	29	i	36	22	sf	34	20	sf
Wooster, OH	33	16	pc	37	26	pc	44	30	r	37	21	sf	34	21	sf
Zanesville, OH	37	18	pc	42	29	pc	49	35	r	39	25	sf	36	25	sf

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Sports

Lady Titans move forward

Women's basketball team prepares to face W & J in semi-finals

By Bob Long
Sports writer

With a win over Grove City on February 20, the girls' basketball team moves onto the semi-finals where they will face Washington and Jefferson.

The Lady Titans have been playing well all season and have now made their way into the record books by tying the most wins.

The team is currently 21-5 as they prepare for the long haul in the playoffs.

The Titans came out strong against the Wolverines, instantly jumping to a lead at the start of the game.

Currently a number two seed against the Wolverines who are in the seven spot, Westminster enjoyed excellent scores.

At 11 minutes left in the first half, the Lady Titans were ahead 21-8, with the help of Emilee Ackerman who was 4-5 from the field. Westminster shot 57.7% in the first half.

The Lady Titans were relentless on the offensive side of the court making nearly every shot. Grove City struggled throughout the game but managed to go into half down at 33-18.

The Wolverines came out with a renewed vigor and tried to make a run at Westminster's lead.

With the help of forward Rachel McCoy, who had 11 points in the game, it looked like Grove City was primed to make a run.

Westminster quickly retaliated with the stellar play of Desiree Sterling who has been astonishing all season long. Sterling had a game-high 17 points on the evening.

The Titans quickly stretched the lead back out to double digits with 10 minutes remaining in the game. Emilee Ackerman, however, was not ready to sit back and relax as she helped contribute 14 of her own points to keep Westminster on top.

Both teams battled hard for the last 10 minutes but Westminster was not going to be denied the victory as they defeated Grove City 67-45.

Westminster shot a blistering 100% from the free throw line along with 46.2% from the field. Westminster out-rebounded the Lady Wolverines 36-26 with the help of Talley Ferger who had 9 in the game.

With this win, the Lady Titans must now prepare to play W&J on February 23.

This game will be played at 6 p.m. at Thomas More. If the Titans can pull out a win this Friday, they will break the record for wins in a season.

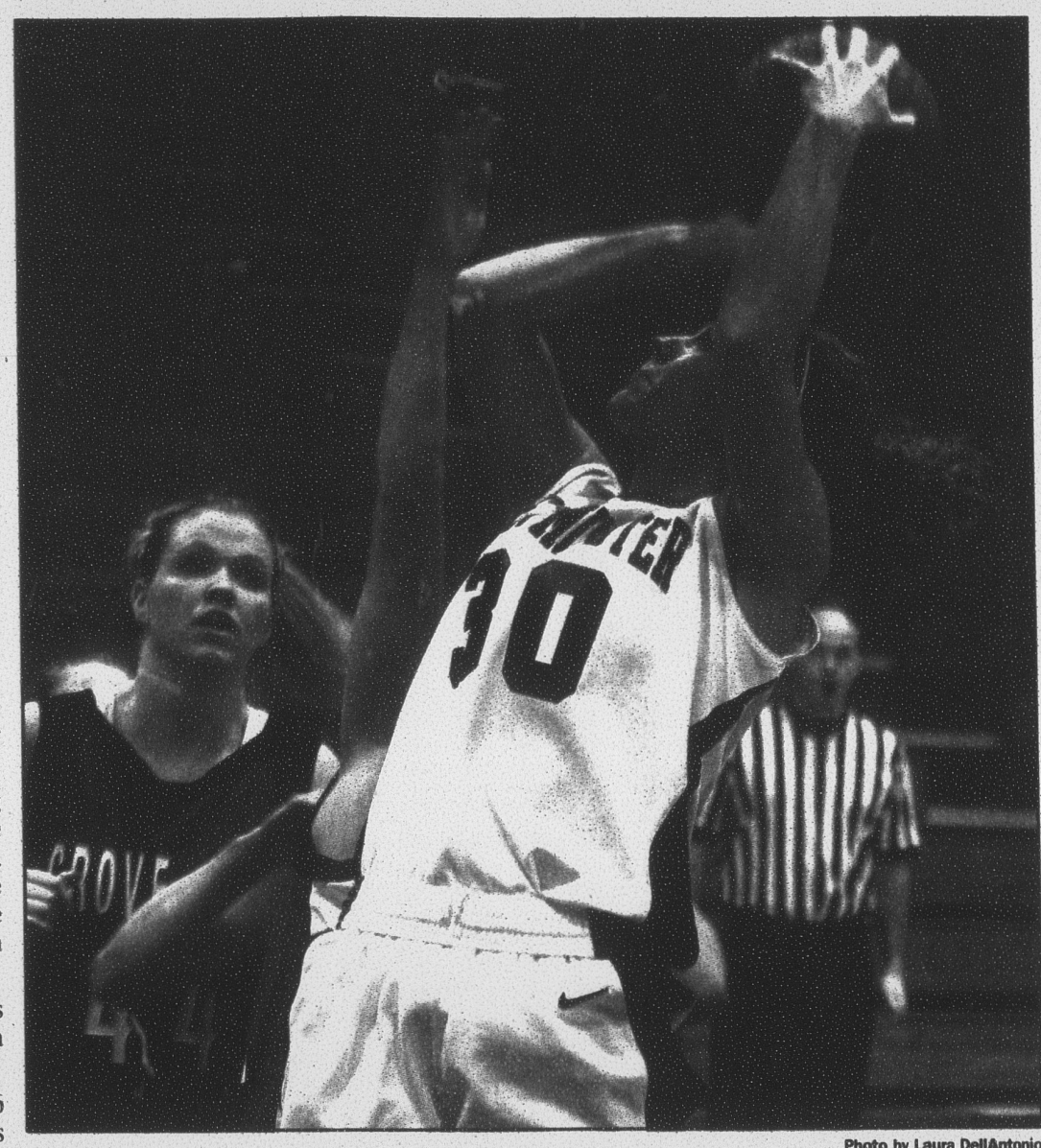


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior forward Talley Felger led the Lady Titans with nine rebounds in the 67-46 first round PAC Tournament win Feb. 20.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

College hoops madness begins early

Madness in February? Exactly.

Although the madness of college hoops is not said to officially start until March, for a number of teams seeking a bubble bid into the dance, the madness has unofficially begun.

This year's tournament appears to be wide open for the taking, as no one college team has established itself as the clear cut favorite. Sure, Carolina has charisma, Ohio St. has Oden, Florida flaunts its fab four, UCLA had John Wooden, and Wisconsin is wild.

However, of the current top five teams, none have identified themselves as a dominant force, at least not yet.

This is what will make this year's March mad and manic. The fact that so many teams have legitimate chances to capture college basketball's ultimate prize makes this tournament unique and special.

Although I have not watched a college hoops game, except for the Titan men and women for whom I broadcast on television and radio, from start to finish, I have seen enough of Pitt to wonder how badly they will underachieve this year.

Rumor has it that March Madness polls and brackets on the Pitt campus only go as far as the Sweet 16. Filling out the remainder of the bracket is forbidden on campus, and students must go elsewhere to complete the task that its basketball team has not been able to conquer.

Usual Cinderella suspects Air Force, Butler, and Nevada are currently ranked in the top fifteen and are hoping to make some noise in this year's tournament.

Just as teams in the Missouri Valley Conference proved last year, there is parity between the top teams in the mid-major conferences and the top teams in the major conferences. Air Force is a team that plays a unique style of offense that could give traditional basketball teams trouble when it is time to dance.

Two teams in particular who were dancing during March last season may be doing the hokey pokey, while other teams are twirling the tango. Duke and LSU may be the biggest disappointments of the college basketball season thus far. LSU went from a final four team a year ago to a possible NIT snub in its encore season.

One of the catastrophic collapses of the last decade, Coach John Brady shows the pressure and the emphasis on making the Final Four tournament.

"I detest where we are," Brady admitted. "I don't sleep at night, I don't eat well – but my wife loves me and she's getting me through that." These are true words from a man holding on to a team that is letting go.

Duke, although still ranked in the AP Top 25, is having a down year by Duke's standards. Amid all of the media criticism, never count out Coach K when tournament time rolls around.

Going back to the fab five, I think that Florida, North Carolina, and Ohio St. will separate themselves throughout the month of March. With March just around the corner, the end of frantic February draws near.

Strap in college hoops fans, an early manic and some panic in March should leave teams scrambling and vying for the chance to dance as a part of March Madness.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Men's basketball team clinches number one seed

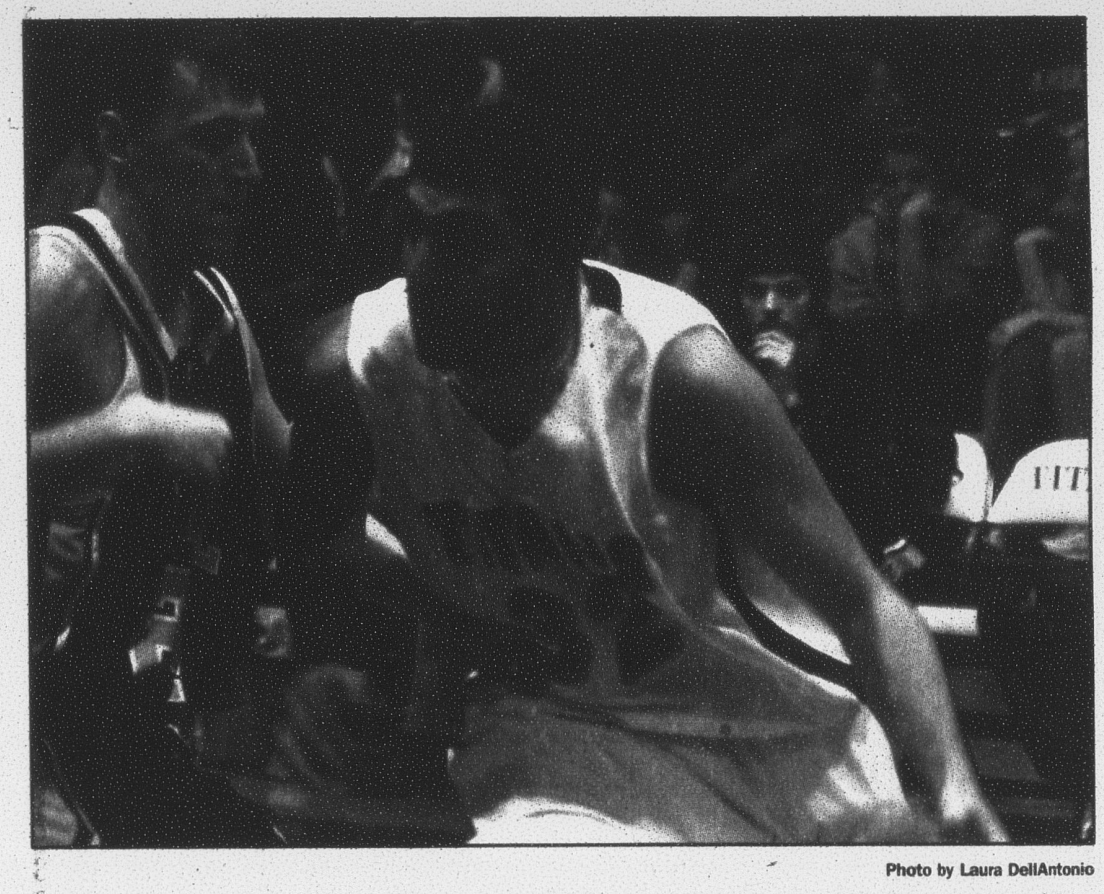


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Dom Joseph and the Titans captured the top seed for the PAC Tournament with a 102-90 win over Bethany on Sat. Feb. 17.

Titans get first-round bye in next week's tournament by beating Bethany 102-90

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The Titan men's basketball team clinched the number one seed and a first-round bye in next week's PAC Men's Basketball Tournament with a 102-90 win over Bethany Saturday at the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

The game pitted two teams tied for first place in the PAC. The Titans finished the regular season with an 18-7 record and a 10-2 mark in the PAC, while the Bison wrap up their slate 18-7 overall and 9-3 in the league

"We feel great going into the playoffs and are looking forward to the oppotunity we have to chase a PAC championship." Junior Craig Hannon said.

The Titans had three 20-point scorers as senior guard Greg Rosatelli and Hannon each scored 25 points, while senior guard/forward Dom Joseph bucketed 21. Hannon and accounted for 40 of the Titans' 52 second-half points, after the Titans led 50-43 at halftime.

"We have played Grove City twice so there will be no real suprises. We are just trying to practice as hard as we can so that we can feel prepared for the game." Hannon noted.

Rosatelli was 14 of 16 from the free-throw line, dished out a game-high six assists and nabbed a game-high four steals. While Hannon, who caught fire as he was 4 for 5 from 3-point range in the second half, led the Titans seven rebounds for the game.

"We love being the one seed because now we don't have to travel anywhere and we can hopefully use the home court advantage," Hannon explained.

The Titans hosted the semifinal round game Thursday against the lowest seeded winner from Tuesday's first round games.

TITAN TALK

Question: Will the Pirates hit .500 this season?

Joshua Kutzner (Kutz): I say no, they are still a year or two away from being a solid .500 ball club.

Bryan Borkovich (Bork): The Buccos have a real chance to get over the hump this year and the chance to be a .500 ball club. Although I don't think that they will make the playoffs.

Brandon Phillian (Phil): Playoffs, you're talking about even a chance to make the playoffs? It will be a successful season if the Pirates do not finish in the NL Central's basement. It should be a great September race to see who finishes in the basement between the Pirates and the Brewers. However, compliment management for putting together a solid team that will compete, but still will not reach .500.

Bork: Management! Dave Littlefield is one of the worst GM's in baseball today. He gives away a lot more talent than he brings in. The Pirates will not finish in the NL Central's basement and if the young pitchers catch fire, it could be a great season.

Kutz: You can not say that Littlefield is one of the worst GM's in the game today, it is hard to be a Brian Cashman or Theo Epstein when your budget is as limited as the Pirates is. Looking at the Bucco's opening day lineup, Littlefield has brought in Jason Bay, a rookie of the year winner, Freddy Sanchez, the National League batting champion, not to mention finally getting us that left handed power bat in newly acquired Adam LaRoche.

Phil: I agree with Kutz, you cannot come down on Dave Littlefield when owner Kevin McClatchey gives him so little to spend on players. If Littlefield had the money at his disposal that big market ball clubs do, he would bring in better players who are not past their prime, just like he did when he lured Adam LaRoche.

Bork: Personally, I like the deal that brought in Adam LaRoche but what Pirate fan doesn't? However, this is also the first year that Littlefield brought in someone that wasn't passed his prime. For example, when he brought in Reggie Sanders and Jeromy Burnitz. We should have signed Burnitz four years ago when he was still decent. Don't forget by getting LaRoche we gave up the best bullpen closer that we had and I don't think that Torres can do the job Gonzalez did.

Phil: What good is having Mike Gonzalez to close if you do not have the lead in the ninth inning. The Buccos need help to get the lead in the ninth inning. Giving up Mike Gonzalez and getting a powerful left handed batter is a great swap. If the Pirates, by some divine intervention go .500, Adam LaRoche will play a huge role Bork, and you'll look back and give credit to Littlefield for making a great trade.

Kutz: I agree with you on that Phillian. Laroche will play a huge role because he takes a load off of Jason Bay's back. Gonzalez was a solid player, but if he is such a great closer why are the Braves not going to us him as their closer. The answer is that yes he is a solid reliever, but he can not even beat out Bobby Wickman who is almost as old as my dad. The Pirates will be much improved this year, but still fall short of .500, and I guarantee Solomon Torres will equal or better Gonzalez's save numbers.

Bork: Kutz, you do not know if Wickman will be the closer over Gonzalez. The Pirates will be over .500 this year and it will be due to their young pitching staff catching fire. Adam LaRoche will take the pressure off of Bay, which will give Solomon Torres more save opportunities. That is the only way that he will better Gonzalez's save numbers. The Pirates will be over the .500 mark.

Phil: Not only will the Pirates not break the .500 barrier, they will struggle to keep ahead of the Brewers and stay out of the NL Central's basement. Maybe someday Mark Cuban will come to town, and then we can talk about the Pirates finishing better than .500.

SAAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Van Sickel

Westminster College sophomore Kristen Van Sickel, a member of the Titan women's indoor track and field team has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Van Sickel set a school record and qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 400 meters with a 14th-place time of 1:00.06 at the Kent State Tune-Up Invitational Saturday, Feb. 17. Van Sickel also ran a leg of the school-record breaking 4x400 relay team that placed 10th with a time of 4:13.75.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

It's Oscar time, and the nominees are...

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

It's that time of year again, when designers scramble to dress the A-list crowd and Oscar nominees nervously practice speeches that they have only a 20 percent chance of giving.

Ah, I love the Academy Awards. Oscar is celebrating 79 years in Tinseltown, and Ellen DeGeneres has the honor of hosting the multitude on Hollywood's biggest night.

It will prove to be an exciting night for the 2006 lineup of films; Forest Whitaker could be the third African-American to win the Best Actor trophy, and Martin Scorsese could finally take home a well-deserved statuette.

The ceremony officially starts at 8 p.m. this Sunday on ABC, but you can bet that I will tune in to the various pre-shows. For me, it's not an official Oscar night until I hear Melissa and Joan Rivers comment on hemlines, hairstyles, and how some poor soul could not pull off couture.

While I am not an esteemed member of the Academy, nor do I pretend to know how they will vote, I offer my ballot for your consideration. There are some tough choices for the Academy to make, but here's my humble ballot with my winner of each category marked with an asterisk.

Performance by an actor in a leading role
*Leonardo DiCaprio - BLOOD DIAMOND
Ryan Gosling - HALF NELSON
Peter O'Toole - VENUS
Will Smith - THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS
Forest Whitaker - THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND

Performance by an actor in a supporting role
Alan Arkin - LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
Jackie Earle Haley - LITTLE CHILDREN
*Djimon Hounsou - BLOOD DIAMOND
Eddie Murphy - DREAMGIRLS
Mark Wahlberg - THE DEPARTED

Performance by an actress in a leading role
Penélope Cruz - VOLVER
Judi Dench - NOTES ON A SCANDAL
*Helen Mirren - THE QUEEN
Meryl Streep - THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
Kate Winslet - LITTLE CHILDREN

Performance by an actress in a supporting role
Adriana Barraza - BABEL
Cate Blanchett - NOTES ON A SCANDAL
Abigail Breslin - LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
*Jennifer Hudson - DREAMGIRLS
Rinko Kikuchi - BABEL

Best animated feature film of the year
*CARS
HAPPY FEET
MONSTER HOUSE

Achievement in art direction
DREAMGIRLS
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
*PAN'S LABYRINTH
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST
THE PRESTIGE

Achievement in cinematography
THE BLACK DAHLIA
CHILDREN OF MEN
THE ILLUSIONIST
*PAN'S LABYRINTH
THE PRESTIGE

Achievement in costume design
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
DREAMGIRLS
*MARIE ANTOINETTE
THE QUEEN

Achievement in directing
BABEL
*THE DEPARTED
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA
THE QUEEN
UNITED 93

Best documentary feature
DELIVER US FROM EVIL
*AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH
IRAQ IN FRAGMENTS
JESUS CAMP
MY COUNTRY, MY COUNTRY

Best documentary short subject
THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT
*RECYCLED LIFE
REHEARSING A DREAM
TWO HANDS

Achievement in film editing
BABEL
*BLOOD DIAMOND
CHILDREN OF MEN
THE DEPARTED
UNITED 93

Best foreign language film of the year
AFTER THE WEDDING
DAYS OF GLORY (INDIGÈNES)
THE LIVES OF OTHERS
*PAN'S LABYRINTH
WATER

Achievement in makeup
APOCALYPTO
CLICK
*PAN'S LABYRINTH

Achievement in music written for motion pictures (Original score)
BABEL
THE GOOD GERMAN
NOTES ON A SCANDAL
PAN'S LABYRINTH
*THE QUEEN

Achievement in music written for motion pictures (Original song)
"I Need to Wake Up" - AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH
"Listen" - DREAMGIRLS
*"Love You I Do" - DREAMGIRLS
"Our Town" - CARS
"Patience" - DREAMGIRLS

Best motion picture of the year
BABEL
*THE DEPARTED
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
THE QUEEN

Best animated short film
THE DANISH POET
*LIFTED
THE LITTLE MATCHGIRL
MAESTRO
NO TIME FOR NUTS

Best live action short film
BINTA AND THE GREAT IDEA (BINTA Y LA GRAN IDEA)
ÉRAMOS POCOS (ONE TOO MANY)
*HELMER & SON
THE SAVIOUR
WEST BANK STORY

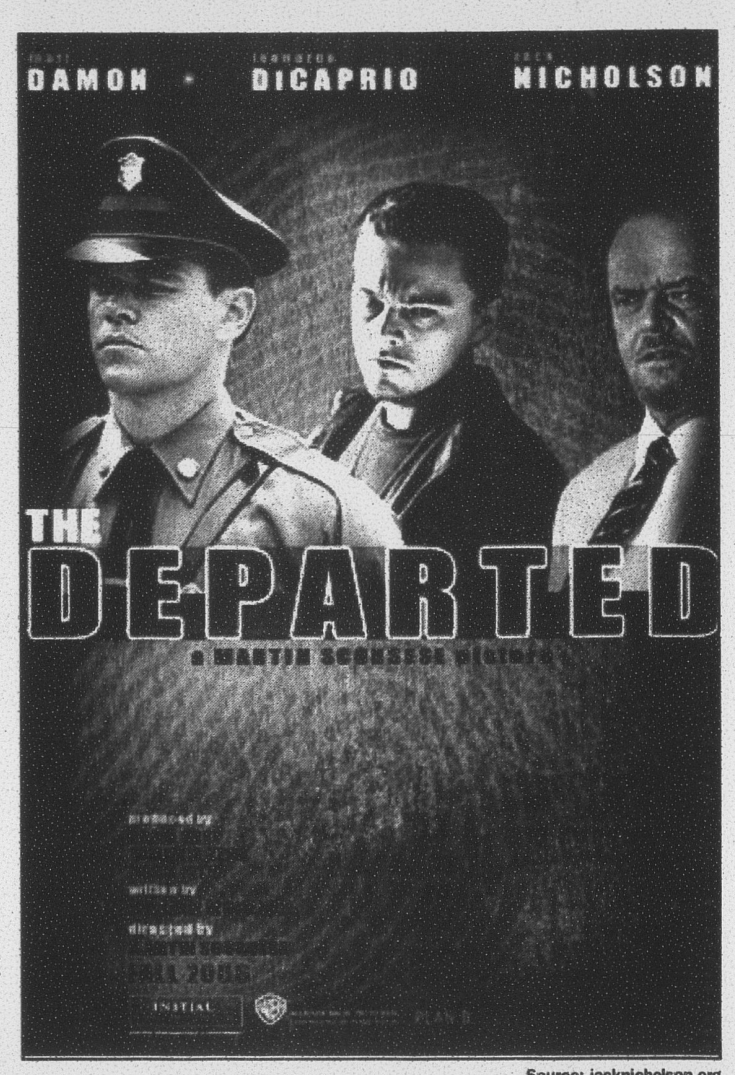
Achievement in sound editing
APOCALYPTO
*BLOOD DIAMOND
FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST

Achievement in sound mixing
APOCALYPTO
*BLOOD DIAMOND
DREAMGIRLS
FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST

Achievement in visual effects
*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST
POSEIDON
SUPERMAN RETURNS

Adapted screenplay
BORAT CULTURAL LEARNINGS OF AMERICA FOR MAKE BENEFIT GLORIOUS NATION OF KAZAKHSTAN
CHILDREN OF MEN
*THE DEPARTED
LITTLE CHILDREN
NOTES ON A SCANDAL

Original screenplay
BABEL
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
PAN'S LABYRINTH
*THE QUEEN



Source: jacknicholson.org

Sherri's pick for Best Motion Picture of the Year is *The Departed,* **starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, and Jack Nicholson.**

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Geico introduces Caveman's Crib

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 /PRNewswire/ -- After their first appearances on national TV last year, the GEICO Cavemen shot to national prominence and have developed a fan base that keeps up with their music choices ("Remind Me"/Royksopp) and their menu favorites (duck with mango salsa).

Some people have been wondering about their lifestyle. Where do they live? What do they do for fun? Do they have Stone Age friends or more contemporary ones?

GEICO has created a new Web site for the Cavemen so they can offer visitors an inside look and a humorous, interactive tour of their apartment. When you go to the site – www.cavemanscrib.com – you'll find them getting ready for a party.

One of the Cavemen will greet you, and he'll be commenting on what you do as you're roaming around the apartment. Expect this Caveman's remarks to be a bit on the sarcastic side, his trademark humor.

But be advised ... there are surprises built into the site that visitors might stumble upon. Here's a big hint. Don't annoy the Cavemen. Despite their urbane civility and sophistication, there are some things that really can get under their skin.

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

Theta Chi will be open Friday night. The party is closed to independent males as per mutual agreement between the 5 fraternities and the Inter-fraternity Council. Independent men are welcome at all houses at any time except the spring semester open parties, or when the houses are closed to the entire campus.

The Alpha Sigs and Sig Eps are closed to the entire campus Saturday night due to brotherhood events being conducted at those houses.

Hanson conquers the "Great Divide"

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Do you remember being twelve years old? If you were anything like me, you were busy clipping posters out of magazines, cranking up the volume on your first portable Discman, and, basically, MmmBopping you're little life away. Okay, now that I got the MmmBop pun out of the way, do you think your twelve- year-old self would contemplate the same childhood adorations resurfacing almost ten years later as a career opportunity? I certainly didn't, but that is exactly what has happened and it has opened my eyes to opportunities, issues, and experiences I never thought possible.

Recently, I was contacted by Christy Sitter, a Westminster graduate who now works for national recording artists Hanson. After earning a degree in Public Relations, she now does PR for Hanson's record label 3CG Records. She informed me of a project she developed which encourages all PRSSA chapters in the country to become involved in Hanson's current AIDS awareness research.

I excitedly agreed to help, and she arranged for me to conduct a phone interview with Taylor Hanson. Forcing myself to put my "twelve-year-old" fantasies aside and focus on PR related issues, I learned some truly fascinating information.

The three Hanson brothers–Isaac, Taylor and Zac–took a recent trip to Soweto, South Africa in order to familiarize themselves with the culture and retrieve some musical inspiration. What they ultimately took from the trip was something more captivating than they could have ever imagined.

The brothers spent a majority of their time with a group of African children who every day stared poverty, disease, and unbearable suffering in the face. Here, the band experienced what Taylor referred to as a "personal awakening." They were especially disturbed by the uncontrollable epidemic of HIV/AIDS not only in adults, but also in the same children who had captured their hearts.

It would be easy for someone faced with such a dire situation to cringe and turn away, feeling too scared and helpless to take any action. However, it is no surprise that Hanson, being the devout musicians that they are, turned the devastation into an opportunity to inspire and be inspired through music. Hanson they threw together some ragtag, musical recording devices and instruments and decided to record.

The song "Great Divide" is the main product of Hanson's inspiration. It delivers a powerful message as it speaks for the children who suffer endlessly. In fact, the song opens with an African children's choir singing "nig ne themba" which translates to "I have hope." This line not only captures the essential meaning of the song, but also the band's trip to Africa and the motivation it provided.

Taylor spoke passionately about the trip and how he and his brothers kept a positive outlook throughout the journey.

"When we left Africa, instead of feeling discouraged and depressed by what we saw, we felt hopeful and uplifted, like we could do something to help," Taylor said.

Taylor, then, rattled off even more staggering information as he explained how Americans have the power, resources and finances to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, but most are simply not aware of the issues.

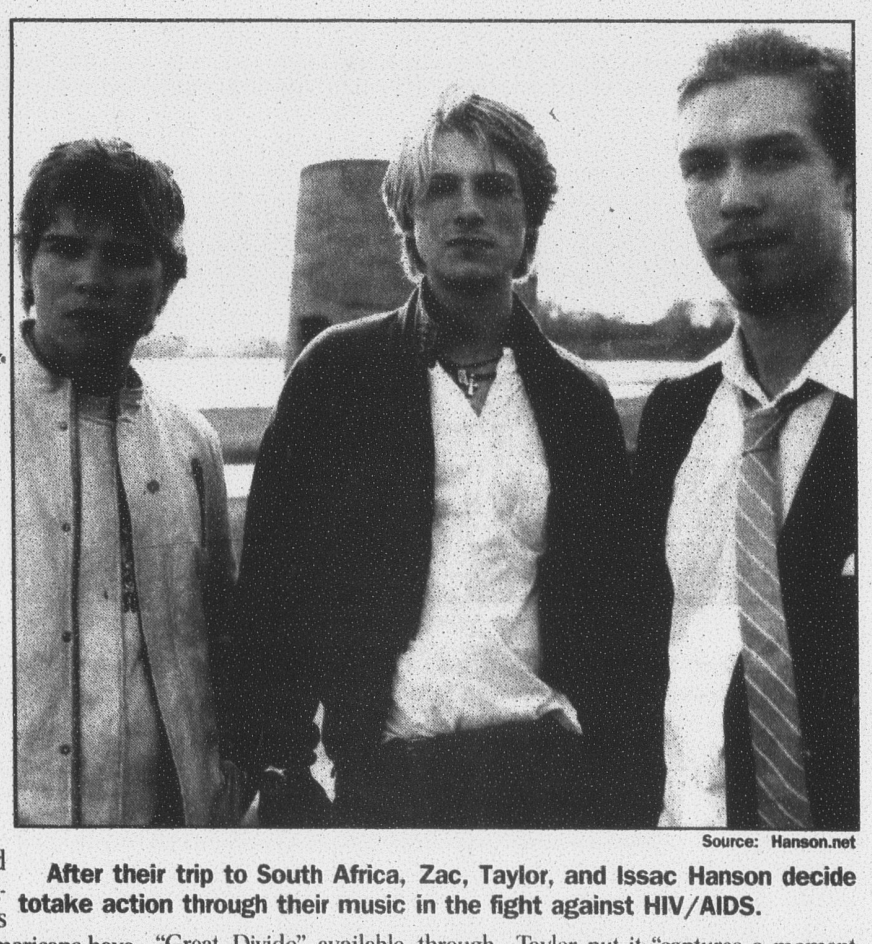
"Most people don't know that just seventeen cents a day could help a mother buy baby formula so she wouldn't have to pass HIV on to her child," Taylor said.

Hanson decided to take action, again through their primary source of inspiration, music. They made "Great Divide" available through iTunes for ninety-nine cents. All proceeds from the song are donated directly to the Perinatal HIV Research Unit (PHRU) at a hospital in Soweto. The band did this as a way to, hopefully, demonstrate to others that even the smallest act of kindness can make a significant difference in someone's life.

Hanson has a new album coming out in May titled "The Walk." The album is, unsurprisingly, inspired by their recent trip, and, as Taylor put it "captures a moment in time."

The boys also returned to an old-school style of recording, as many of the songs on the album are virtually unedited from their original form. This is a far cry from the over-done dubbing and voiceovers typically used by musicians today.

This will also be the band's first album produced entirely through their independent label 3CG Records.



Source: Hanson.net

After their trip to South Africa, Zac, Taylor, and Issac Hanson decide totake action through their music in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

John Mayer announces summer tour

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- The success of John Mayer's third studio album, the platinum-certified CONTINUUM, has prompted the announcement of a full summer tour, which will make stops at arenas and amphitheatres throughout the US beginning June 1st in Ridgefield, WA and continuing through August 8th in West Palm Beach, FL.

Mayer, who appears on the cover of the February 22nd issue of Rolling Stone magazine as one of "The New Guitar Gods" of contemporary music, recently took a break from winter tour dates to accept this year's Best Pop Vocal Album Grammy for CONTINUUM as well as the Best Male Pop Vocal Performance Grammy for his single, "Waiting on the World to Change," at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony, where he performed his current single, the stunningly spare "Gravity." Over the past week, sales of CONTINUUM have increased 180%, returning the album to the Top 10 on the Billboard 200 best-selling album chart.

As his winter tour comes to a close with a sold-out show at Madison Square Garden (2/28), Mayer will perform on the "Late Show with David Letterman" (3/1) and pay a visit to NPR's "Morning Edition" for a "performance chat" with host Steve Inskeep (airdate to be announced).

Go to www.johnmayer.com for on sale dates for John Mayer's CONTINUUM Summer Tour.

CONTINUUM is a pop/rock album showcasing Mayer's diverse influences, rich lyrics, the groove of the guitar-slinging bluesman, and the vocals of the soulful crooner. CONTINUUM earned four stars from Rolling Stone magazine. USA Today wrote that Mayer's "smartly crafted third album combines singer/songwriter pop and sinewy guitar blues," and The New York Times opined, "Mayer has been writing songs again, good ones, with all the leanness and directness that distinguish his strongest work."

A musician and collaborator who exceeds genre boundaries, John Mayer famously toured and recorded with power players Pino Palladino and Steve Jordan as the John Mayer Trio, whose live album Try! was released in November '05. Mayer's other collaborations -- in genres ranging from Rock to Blues, Hip-Hop to Jazz to Country -- have included work with Eric Clapton, BB King, Buddy Guy, T Bone Burnett, Herbie Hancock, Dixie Chicks, Kanye West, Alicia Keys, and Ahmir ?uestlove.

Calendar

February 23, 2007

Women's Basketball PAC Tournament

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Kenyon Invitational

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Scrawl Art Show -- MCC Second Floor Atrium

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:15 PM Eta Sigma Phi Meeting -- MCC 255

1:40 PM Biology Seminar -- Phillips Lecture Hall

7:30 PM Symphonic Band Concert -- Orr Auditorium

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: All My Sons -- Beeghly Theater

February 24, 2007

Men's Basketball PAC Tournament

Women's Basketball PAC Tournament

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christmas Tree Chipping Party -- Field Station

10:00 AM Residence Life RA Selection Fishbowl -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms and Wile Room (352)

12:00 PM Baseball at Catholic

12:00 PM SGA Transition -- MCC Club and 255

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: All My Sons -- Beeghly Theater

February 25, 2007

12:00 PM Baseball at St. Mary's

1:30 PM "Lame Horses, Cracked Engine Blocks, and $600 Toilet Seats: Two Hundred Years of Supplying the U.S. Military" -- MCC Mueller Theater

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster: All My Sons -- Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Pursuit of Happyness -- MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Orchestra Concert -- Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Vespers -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311

February 26, 2007

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:30 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213

9:00 PM Titan Traverse Spring Break Informational Meeting -- MCC 255

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

February 27, 2007

3:15 PM Film: "Battling Eating Disorders" -- MCC Mueller Theater

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

6:20 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting -- Patterson 311

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson Hall 112

7:00 PM Med PAC Meeting -- Phillips Lecture Hall

7:00 PM SGA Slate Platform Presentation -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 352

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

February 28, 2007

Deadline for Scrawl Submissions -- Campus Mail Box 159

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Field House IM Gym

11:45 AM Faculty Forum -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting -- MCC 352

5:00 PM SGA Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:00 PM CPC Meeting -- MCC Club

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Allies Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 315

8:00 PM BSU Meeting -- MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting -- MCC Club and Lounge

March 1, 2007

12:35 PM - 1:40 PM GET REAL! Series: Shopping Smart -- Be an Educated Consumer -- MCC Club

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting -- MCC 255

3:30 PM Film: "Battling Eating Disorders" -- MCC Mueller Theater

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:00 PM Relay for Life Meeting -- MCC 253

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No Chapel Today

Men's and Women's Track and Field at ECAC Championships

3:00 PM Men's Tennis vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close for Break

Sudoku!

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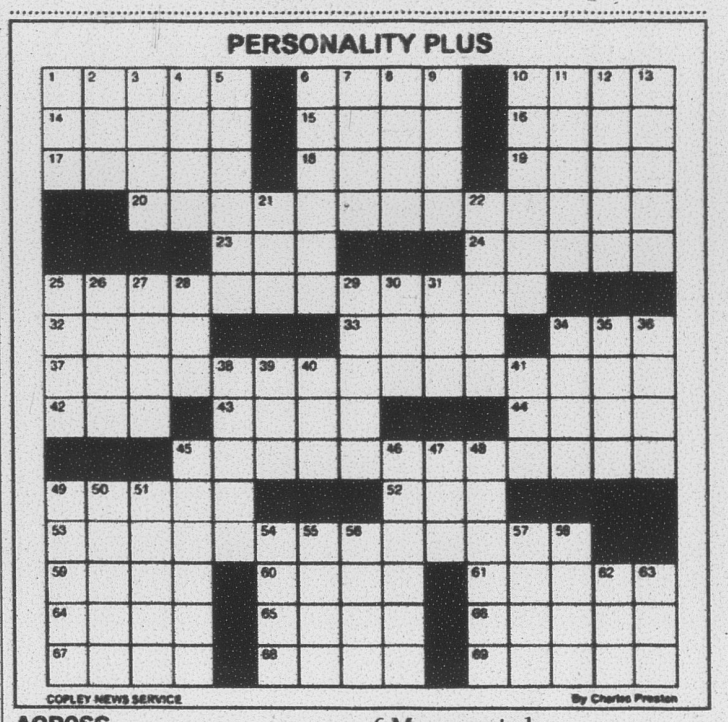

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32 Musicmaker
33 Mouthed
34 Shader
37 Painfully blunt actress?
42 Somebody
43 Rodent runner
44 Diamond's Slaughter
45 Banal actress?
49 So as to be heard
52 Branch
53 Happy silents' actress?
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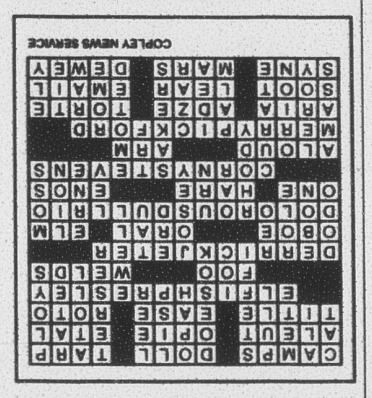

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You should feel energized and excited about life this week. Take it upon yourself to launch an expansive project.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Turn your dreams into reality. All it takes is the ability to visualize what you would like to achieve, and to create it on practical or realistic terms.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): In times of trouble, your real friends will step forward and play a rescuing role. When in doubt, look for and count on their support and encouragement.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Placing your professional success in the hands of fate or chance would be unwise. Take a calculated approach to career or business planning.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): This would be a great period for study or gathering new insight. Register for a class or seminar that draws your interests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Lend your support to a financial deal that requires the use of other people's money to grow and prosper. It takes a unified and well-distributed fiscal effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): There is a lot of energy directed toward personal relationships this week. Get involved in a lively exchange of thoughts, feelings and opinions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Compromise is the word most thrown around on the job during this period. Adopt a mindset that says if you cannot beat them, join them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your level of success increases tenfold when you believe in and enjoy what you are doing. Find the perfect niche to express your creativity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): It takes a very mature person to balance feelings with practical thoughts and solutions. Do not allow your emotions to block your judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Some hidden facts are likely to come to light this week. Play it smart and tell the truth about a situation for which you have been less than candid.

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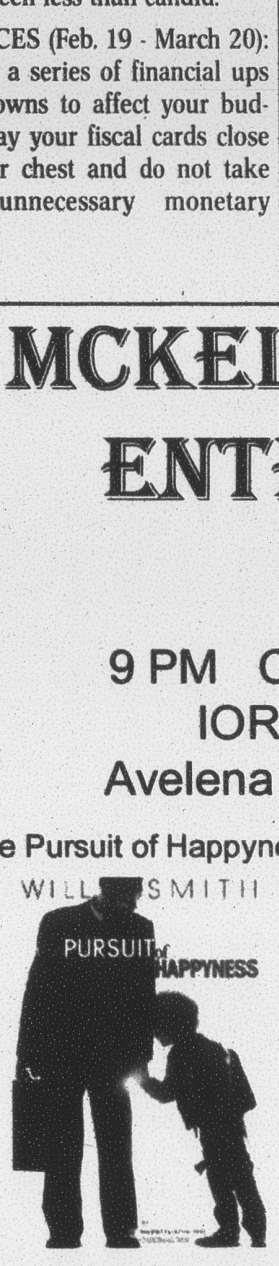

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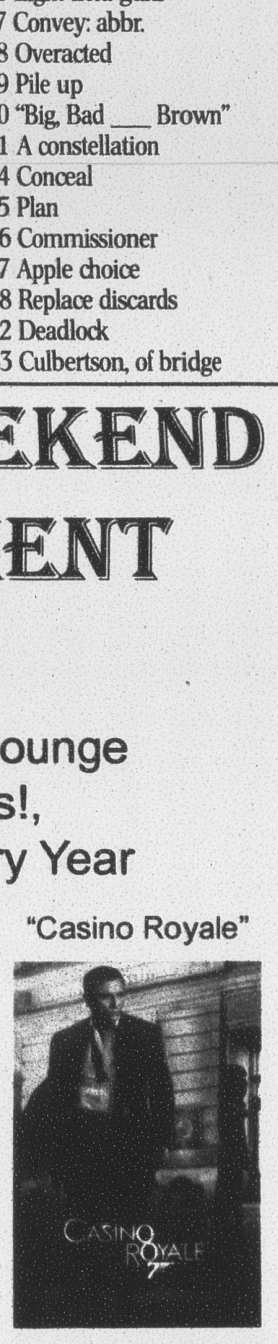

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Features

Why alcohol legalization should be a non-issue

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

Throughout New Wilmington, residents and students alike are up in arms regarding the referendum to be voted upon in the May 15 election.

Three letters to the editor are on the Opinion page (A-2) this week regarding this election. Having read these letters and allowed time to ruminate, I've come to several conclusions on the subject.

First, students should be permitted to register, and should not feel compelled to avoid such registration for "ethical" reasons. Students are of significant impact upon the economy of New Wilmington borough, as well as the surrounding area and its businesses.

The town dies when students aren't here. I know this, because I've lived here for two summers and several shorter breaks. There are brief rushes of occupancy during sports camp and a missionary conference, but all of the businesses I frequent in town are empty in comparison to what I've seen on adventures in recent weeks.

While students do not pay property taxes because they reside in on-campus housing instead of owned homes, they do not utilize many of the services funded by local taxes. For example, I don't have any children under 18 attending New Wilmington schools – but I do pay sales tax on any items I purchase in the town, and that money goes towards similar uses.

Second, I don't believe there will be further issues with alcohol and student consumption than what exist on campus now.

Students' financial resources will undoubtedly be just as they are now, meaning they will not be able to secure excessive amounts of alcohol any more than they already are able.

What would change is the distance that students of age would travel to return home after having a few drinks. If, in a future that's perhaps not-so-distant, an establishment were created primarily for the sake of serving alcohol – a bar, if you will – students would no longer drive miles to the Lube or any of the various dive bars in Sharon, Middlesex, or Grove City. They could walk home, in violation of no campus policies regarding consumption on campus and posing no danger to themselves.

If the Tavern were to serve wine and beer with meals, the average diner would not consume enough of these beverages to become intoxicated to the extent that happens when students purchase beverages and consume them at will because an entire fifth is present.

No legitimate establishment would serve underage students or allow patrons of age to consume enough to endanger themselves or others. In this sense, making the serving of alcohol legal in New Wilmington would minimize the issues currently faced by campus security and campus police.

Given that there are several state stores and beer distributors within a fifteen-minute driving radius, it would be economically unintelligent for more to be built closer, especially considering the distances most students are currently willing to travel to secure alcoholic beverages.

Third, and most important, students should control themselves when consuming alcohol, legally or not, and exhibit concern for others who choose to do so themselves. The presence of alcohol in town will not translate into scads of alcoholics, but rather, will bring alcohol into the town.

Undoubtedly, students will consume alcohol; they will make poor life decisions and suffer the consequences.

But there are some of us (a select few, I fear) who are recognizant of the problems arising from overconsumption and affecting relationships, schoolwork, and other aspects of life. This is called maturity.

Limiting the ability to access alcohol locally because of the feared impacts upon the community and its members does not translate into the current situation correctly. To refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to students of age is to stubbornly rely upon the same level of regulation exercised in our residence halls regarding visitors of the opposite sex, as well as religiously-based abstinence-only sex education.

It would be nice if rules and regulations were followed simply because of the issuing entity's absolute authority, but they're not.

So we can legitimize mature consumption of alcohol… or we can continue to pretend it's a non-issue.

The new students flowing into campus each August will catch on and choose to go elsewhere. Then New Wilmington will really die.

Wait, I forgot. Alumni, townspeople and students need not fear the student vote impacting the elections to make the town "wet". Considering the level of apathy and inactivity displayed by most, there's nothing to worry about.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who has been registered to vote in New Wilmington since freshman year. She advises students to do something or shut up, in general.

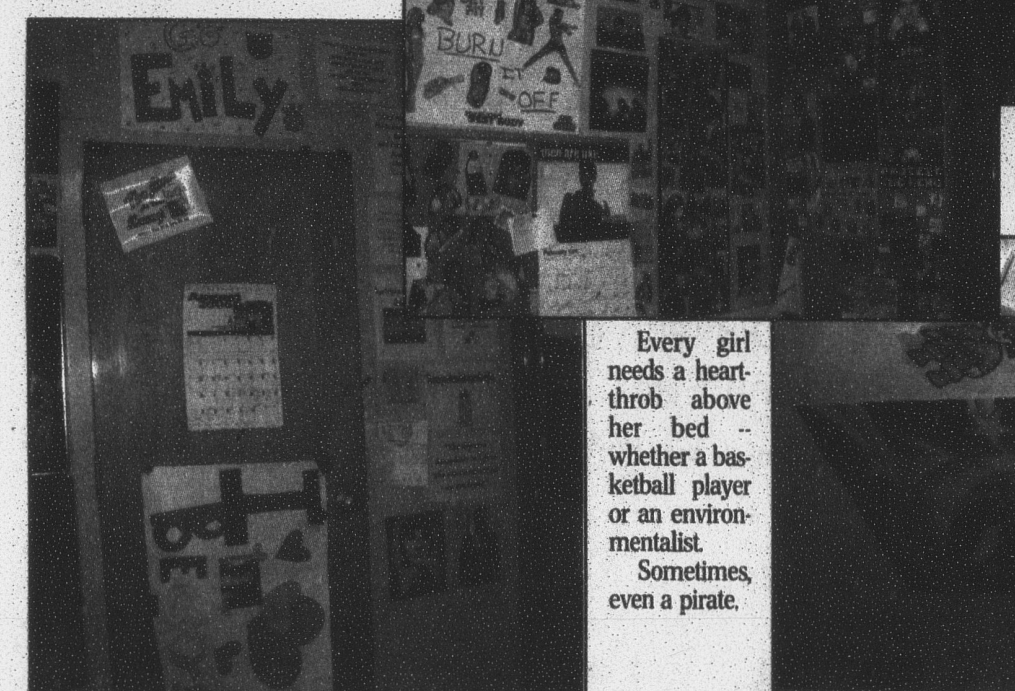
WC Cribs

This week, Features editor Jenn Corkadel heads over to Shaw to see Emily Paul

Emily and her roommate, also named Emily (Fink), have foregone the typical Shaw arrangement – beds on opposite sides at varying heights.

Em. Paul has a bit of a cave for a bed, in which she hides out with her computer from time to time.

Emily's wall, covered in photos and cutouts, contrasts just a bit with Fink's quotations and colorful signs.
And look, it's August.



Em. Paul's desk is indicative of her busy lifestyle – similar to that of many WC students – track and swim included.

Every girl needs a heartthrob above her bed – whether a basketball player or an environmentalist.
Sometimes, even a pirate.

Interested in having your residence featured? Contact information for The Holcad is located in the staff box on the Opinion page.

Students serving overseas not to be forgotten

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"Any man that may write can answer a letter." (Romeo and Juliet 2.4.10)

On February 23, 1917, 90 years ago today, the Holcad ran a letter received by Dean Charles Freeman, and sent from a Westminster student, Ney McMinn, while McMinn resided in Camp Pittsburgh, France, fighting in World War I. The Letter reads as follows:

My dear Dr. Freeman:

About two weeks ago I received a package from the students and faculty of Westminster. Through you I wish to send my thanks for the package. I do not think that I am naturally sentimental, but the receipt of that package flooded me with a while tide of memories and I was joyed in thinking that I was not forgotten. Right now I am looking forward with anticipation and eagerness to the day that I can return to Westminster.

This morning I received a copy of the Holcad. Give Dickson my congratulations on the improved appearance of the paper. No name was attacked to the paper, so I could not identify the sender but I appreciate it very much. You know everything that reminds a fellow of home is appreciated here. Just the other night I saw Dr. Wallace's picture in the New Castle News and for a few moments I felt quite chummy with him.

At present in Camp Pittsburgh [in France] are three Westminster students, "Miz" Dart is in Co. A. I am in B, and Bill Grundish is in C. Dart and I are together quite a lot. He is quite a popular fellow in camp. The boys, however, do not call him Miz, but "Little Eva."–Eva for short. I see Bill about every other night. He, like all of us, has been doing a thousand things for an engineer is supposed to be able to do any thing.

Army life, so far, has been quite mild. We left Pittsburgh shortly after the 4th of July, crossing the Atlantic without mishap on one of the large White Star steamers. After a week's stay in England, we came to France, and since then have been moving around more or less, sometimes near the front and other times at considerable distance from it.

Our regiment was the first volunteer outfit to reach Europe, and the first armed foreign force to land in England for over 200 years. To newcomers we are veterans. By now our whole outfit is at home in France, although you can tell Miss MacLaggan that as a linguist I am hopeless. However, I can get what I want to eat, and can even "make love" very well in French. You know Mills always said that the first law of life was adaptation, so I am adapting. You would, too, if you could see the Fr. mademoiselles.

I am not making any plans for the future, but do expect to return to Westminster eventually. Will you let me know my exact standing, and where I am short?

Today I am doing guard duty. Tomorrow I shall have guard fatigue and the third following a guard pass. Guard fatigue does not mean that tired feeling, although I shall have it, but police duty around camp. The pass means that I have permission to go to the city, about 4 kilos distant and spend the day as I please. I shall probably dine in some real French café, puchase a few necessities and visit my "damsel fair." That's what I call the life. Some day after the war I hope to revisit France. It's a fine place/ As yet I haven't visited Paris, but hope to do so sooon.

Give my best wishes to students and faculty.

Very Sincerely
Ney McMinn
C.B., 15th U.S. Engineers
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P.S. I hope that you are not one of those who call the soldiers "Sammies." We all dislike the name. If you want to call us anything say "The Boys." That's what we call ourselves (although we range in age from 18 to 50) and is more please than Sammies.

This letter serves as an excellent opportunity to remember our current Westminster students serving abroad.

ATTENTION: Anyone knowing a Westminster student currently stationed overseas for Armed Service, please send an e-mail including the student's name and available address. The Holcad will send an edition to each soldier that comes to our awareness. If anyone wishes to include a letter, please leave one in an envelope with a destination address at the Holcad office, room 354, on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center.

Black History Month
Bruce's entrance into politics leaves a legacy

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

I've been having so much fun with the stories of Black History, that I didn't realize that this would be my last "history lesson" for the month. I gathered some much information on many other influential African Americans, and there are so many stories to tell.

Today, in honor of the recent political holiday, which we STILL had class for, (I don't know why I'm surprised, since we are the only school opened on a day where there was so much snow outside that people were disappearing) I would like to talk about a man who managed to play a major political role during a time when black people were still fighting for freedom in this country, Blanche Kelso Bruce.

Bruce was one of 11 children in his family; born into slavery in 1841, near Farmville, Virginia. During his time as a slave he was taken to Mississippi and Missouri by his owner.

He was just 20 years old when the Civil War began, and Bruce felt the call to fight for his country, but most importantly, to fight for freedom. He tried to enlist in the Union Army, but at that time the army was not accepting black recruits.

Bruce was not like the average slave; while in Missouri he learned to read and write and after being rejected from the Army he turned to teaching. It was in Missouri that he organized the first school for African Americans.

A short time after doing so, he attended Oberlin College in Ohio, but left shortly after in order to work as a porter on a riverboat. Bruce is said to have left Missouri in 1869, and moved to Mississippi to become a cotton planter.

He knew that he had more inside of him than that; he knew that he had a knack for politics. While in Mississippi, he served as supervisor of elections, tax assessor, sheriff, superintendent of education, and sergeant at arms of the state senate.

In 1874 the Mississippi legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate where he served until 1881. Now, I didn't make any typos here; yes, he accomplished all of theses things, and yes, I did say he was in Mississippi, one of the most racists states in the south.

According to the official U.S. Senate: Arts & History website while in the Senate, Bruce was a member of the committees on Pensions, Manufactures, and Education and Labor. He chaired the Committee on River Improvements and the Select Committee to Investigate the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company.

He supported desegregation of the army, protection of African American voting rights, and more humane treatment of Native Americans. Bruce encouraged increasing the disposition of western land grants to African Americans. On February 14, 1879, Bruce became the first African American to preside over the Senate.

During that time, Bruce devoted his life to gaining rights for African Americans. I'm sure that such a task was not easy during those days.

After leaving the Senate, he was appointed registrar of the U.S. Treasury by President James Garfield. While at the Republican convention of 1888, Bruce received 11 votes for vice president, which was quite an accomplishment for an African American in a time where being black was enough to get you killed.

He was appointed recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia and later was a member of the board of trustees of Howard University. Bruce died in Washington, D.C. in 1898.

I must say that this is another great story to me, for many reasons. As stated in other articles, every week I feel like a part of me grows. I feel like there is a lesson to be learned in each one of these stories.

The great thing about this is that there are many lessons to be learned, and many things that one could get out of such stories. Many times, the things that each reader gets may be different. This story was one that showed me that it's not all about me.

Sometimes we are put in positions and circumstances so that people coming after us may not have to fight as hard as we did. Blanche Kelso Bruce was an example of a man that did it all for another generation.

This man was born a slave; he was granted his freedom and used the knowledge that he had in order to teach others; to start a school that would give some other African American children the opportunity to learn.

Then he took a major risk and got into politics. This man had to be intelligent, probably more so than the other men who were involved; all because he had race working against him as well.

Bruce kept fighting, and obviously gained some respect from other politicians, and while there, he fought for a people who otherwise wouldn't have a voice. That's amazing.

There are so many things that, even today I get discouraged with. There was a time when I asked myself, "What are you doing at Westminster?" As a minority student there are days when things can be difficult, but it wasn't until the past two years that I realized, it's not about me.

I realized that if I stayed in the fight, then this fight may not be so hard for other students coming in. If I continued to show some of my non-minority counterparts a different side of minority people than what television shows them, that those lesson will carry on to their children, and we all learn.

Once again I must thank people like Blanche Kelso Bruce. It's because of his perseverance that names like Thurgood Marshall, Shirley Chislom, Condelezza Rice, and even Barack Obama could happen. I'm going to carry that lesson with me forever; it's not all about me; it's all about change.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

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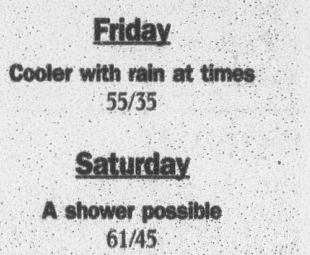

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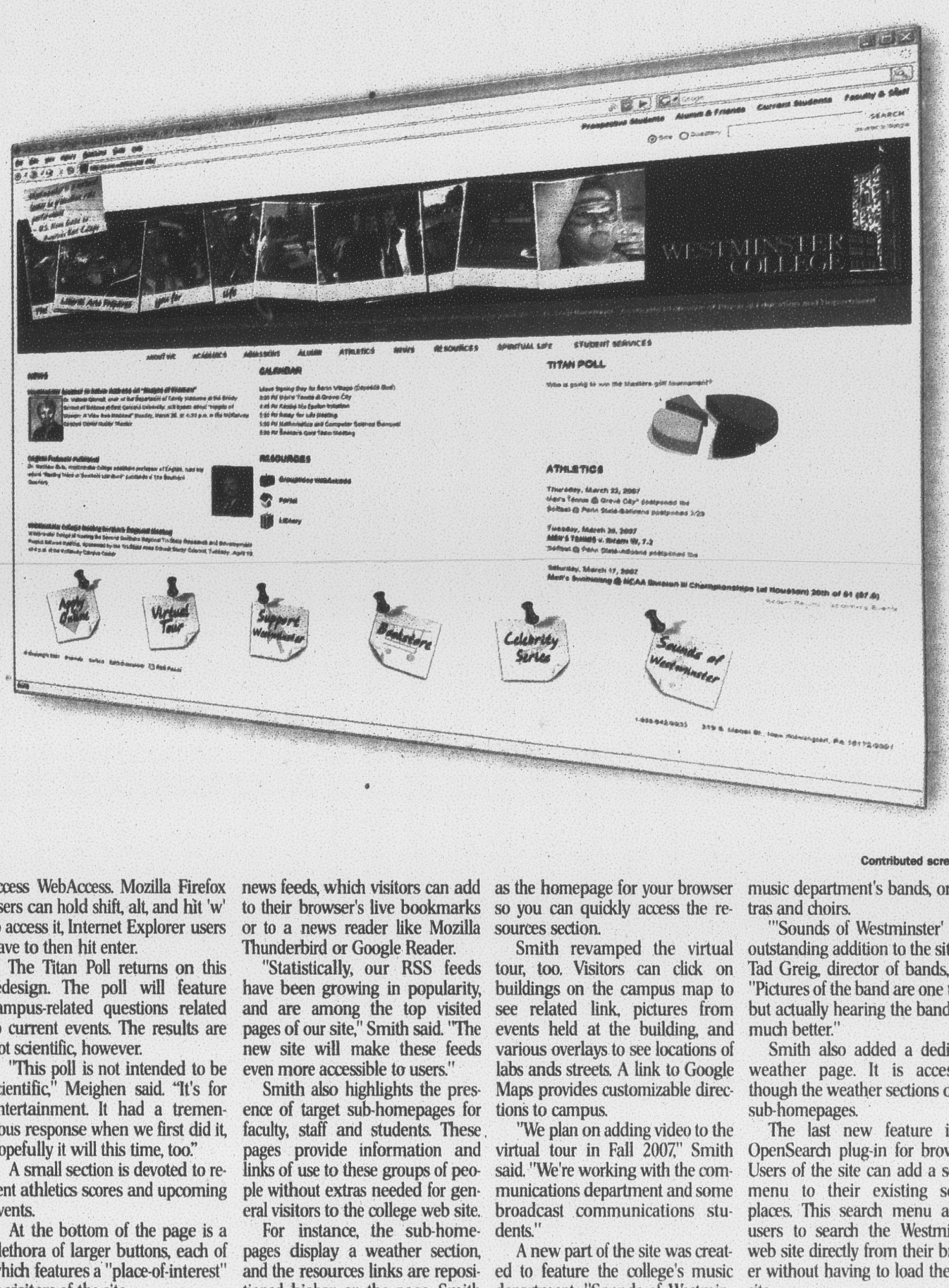
College unveils newly redesigned homepage

By Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief



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The college unveiled on March 23 its redesigned homepage, the first part of the site visitors see when browsing to www.westminster.edu.

Jonathan Smith, college webmaster and 2002 alumnus, redesigned the homepage with input from many faculty members, staff members and students. He also viewed other colleges' homepage, collecting design ideas and determining that ideas would benefit Westminster the most.

"We're really excited about the redesign," Smith said. "We're most excited about the switch to a fluid layout from a static layout."

The new homepage features a fluid layout, a design which fits itself to the size of a visitor's browser window. The previous design was an "ice" layout, a design which is set a certain width and does not expand even if the visitor's browser window is larger than the width.

The banner of pictures at the top of the page expands within the browser, so that visitors can enjoy more than four pictures if their browser window is larger than the 1024 pixels by 768 pixels standard used by modern web designers.

Prominently displayed under the banner is a testimonial. Mark Meighen, director of communication services, collected last semester more than 100 testimonials from faculty, staff and students, and plans to solicit in the future testimonials from parents and alumni. The topics of the testimonials range from why a student picked Westminster to how much a faculty member enjoys working here.

Three news releases grace the homepage now instead of the one of the former design. Additionally, a full, non-truncated story summary and, if available, a picture.

An improved calendar displays the next six events for the current day, and lists them in full. The old design cut off the event title after a few letters, so events with long titles were unreadable.

A major visible change is the addition of icons for links to Groupwise WebAccess (email), Portal and the Library homepage. These icons draw a user's attention and make these links easier to find on the page. Smith added a shortcut key so that visitors can quickly access WebAccess. Mozilla Firefox users can hold shift, alt, and hit 'w' to access it, Internet Explorer users have to then hit enter.

The Titan Poll returns on this redesign. The poll will feature campus-related questions related to current events. The results are not scientific, however.

"This poll is not intended to be scientific," Meighen said. "It's for entertainment. It had a tremendous response when we first did it, hopefully it will this time, too."

A small section is devoted to recent athletics scores and upcoming events.

At the bottom of the page is a plethora of larger buttons, each of which features a "place-of-interest" to visitors of the site.

Another addition is a more prominent display of available RSS news feeds, which visitors can add to their browser's live bookmarks or to a news reader like Mozilla Thunderbird or Google Reader.

"Statistically, our RSS feeds have been growing in popularity, and are among the top visited pages of our site," Smith said. "The new site will make these feeds even more accessible to users."

Smith also highlights the presence of target sub-homepages for faculty, staff and students. These pages provide information and links of use to these groups of people without extras needed for general visitors to the college web site.

For instance, the sub-homepages display a weather section, and the resources links are repositioned higher on the page. Smith urges faculty, staff and students to set the appropriate sub-homepage as the homepage for your browser so you can quickly access the resources section.

Smith revamped the virtual tour, too. Visitors can click on buildings on the campus map to see related link, pictures from events held at the building, and various overlays to see locations of labs ands streets. A link to Google Maps provides customizable directions to campus.

"We plan on adding video to the virtual tour in Fall 2007," Smith said. "We're working with the communications department and some broadcast communications students."

A new part of the site was created to feature the college's music department. "Sounds of Westminster" features 45-second clips from various albums produced by the music department's bands, orchestras and choirs.

"'Sounds of Westminster' is an outstanding addition to the site," R. Tad Greig, director of bands, said. "Pictures of the band are one thing, but actually hearing the band is so much better."

Smith also added a dedicated weather page. It is accessible though the weather sections on the sub-homepages.

The last new feature is an OpenSearch plug-in for browsers. Users of the site can add a search menu to their existing search places. This search menu allows users to search the Westminster web site directly from their browser without having to load the web site.

Browne Hall gas leaks, repaired

By Kelly Corbin
Campus writer

A natural gas leak, which is now repaired, followed electrical conduits into Browne Hall causing security to evacuate the building around 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

Senior Rachel Hammond called security at 9:15 p.m. Feb. 23 to alert them to the smell of gas in her third floor Browne room and utility closet. Browne and Galbreath Halls were later evacuated. The leak was temporarily redirected away from the electrical conduit and is now permanently repaired.

"The reason Rachel started smelling it on the 3rd floor before I could on the 2nd floor is because the gas rises, so it started filling up in the 3rd floor utility closet, then moved to the floor below," junior Sheila Barnhart said. "When security opened the 3rd floor utility closet door, it was absolutely stifling, you couldn't breathe and because it's cold and most people keep their windows closed, the building functions as a box to trap the gas inside."

Because air is made up of 21% oxygen, the danger of the natural gas leak is the depletion of oxygen in the air. If the oxygen level were to drop below 16%, residents would have been in danger of suffocating in their sleep. "The reason to evacuate during a natural gas leak is because a spark could be dangerous and potentially ignite the gas," Barnhart said.

Forty minutes after Hammond called security, the fire alarm sounded to evacuate the building. "When they got here they told me they weren't going to start evacuating anyone yet, because they didn't want to cause any panic until they found out where the gas was coming from," Hammond said.

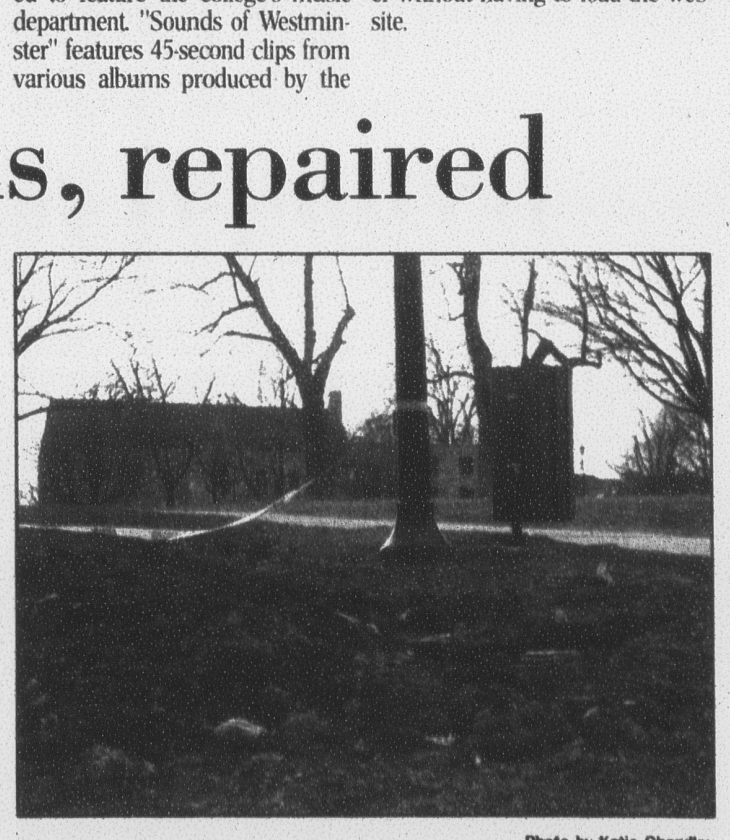
Barnhart explained the professional person who has the most knowledge about gas was out of town, but that other staff found the leak was coming into the building through the laundry room.

Residents were allowed back into Browne for five minutes to quickly pack an overnight bag, then instructed to go to Old 77 to get out of the cold while the staff worked on redirecting the gas leak. By the time students were notified the building was safe to enter, most had already made arrangements to stay somewhere else and dispersed from Old 77.

"I didn't think too much of it when I heard the fire alarm and assumed it was just another drill," junior Michelle Sekelik said. "I got really worried when the RAs started telling us it wasn't a drill, then once I heard it was a gas leak I was concerned about where I was going to stay that night and whether or not I would be able to get back into the building."

Assistant Residence Director Gina Vance explained the hole dug by the east side of Galbreath was where the two natural gas leaks were found and repaired.

"The leaks were between electrical conduits, and the gas followed the electrical conduit into the building, which is how the smell of gas came into Browne and Galbreath," Vance said. "We allowed residents back in at 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, and until someone could come repair the leak first thing Monday morning, I believe physical plant checked on the leak every 1-2 hours during the day and security checked it every 2-3 hours during the evening on their normal rounds."



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The aftermath of the leak repair process.

Opinion

Vote, but for and on multiple issues

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Everyone seems to be buzzing about this alcohol issue, so it seems that I am obligated to give my two-cents on the issue. For the uninitiated, New Wilmington is deliberating its alcohol policy. Again.

Proponents of selling alcohol seem to be a dime a dozen, and they all have the same canned arguments. It will lessen drunken driving, help local business, and draw people to the town. All are wonderful ideas.

Finding detractors is a bit harder. Most of the people I have spoken with on the topic agree that casting off outmoded laws and regulations is likely a good thing.

At the very least, it's an attractive thing. One that appeals to a horde of apathetic twenty-somethings.

With that comes a civics question. I am untrained in the area of civics, outside of knowing that it is my civic duty to cast an informed vote whenever asked.

Or something like that.

Regardless, I do have this vague idea that you should care about the impact of your vote before you cast it. I am not here to discourage people from voting. More of us need to vote. The next sixty years belong to us, why waste twenty of them?

But do try to think about the effects that your vote will have.

I continually hear people going on about how their vote doesn't count. I envision that thousands of us feel that way, in this state alone.

Thousands decide the outcomes of elections, people. Perhaps not the presidential charade, but definitely where it affects our day-to-day lives.

If you care about something, vote. If you don't care, don't vote. A random collection of votes defeats the purpose of voting.

Be a single-issue voter. It's the American way. Like eating at McDonald's or driving an SUV.

Perhaps that is a bit too harsh. But you should care. And that means not basing your decision on "Whoo! I get to drink lots more in town and not have to drive into New Castle anymore!"

If that's the core of your argument for registering to vote… please reconsider.

If you are already registered to vote in a different district, think about where you spend more time and where you are going after graduation. If you plan on setting up shop close to home, think long and hard before doing anything rash.

I guess what I'm getting at is this:

Care about New Wilmington's best interests when you make your decision; do not vote only because you think it's time we had a bar within walking distance.

Level 22: Nothing happens

By Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

A little more than a year ago, I lamented the current minimum purchase age for alcohol in an article entitled "Level 21: You can now consume alcohol."

I likened the arbitrary age to leveling-up in a role-playing game, and ranted about responsibility and how many young Americans lack it, thus why the age is 21 instead of 19 or 18 like the rest of the world.

That was last year.

This year, I turned 22. Nothing happened.

I didn't have some new ability. I didn't have new permission to participate in some previously illegal activity. I didn't feel any different, except perhaps the difference a man feels when he uses a razor blade instead of an electric razor in the morning.

This is the first time since I turned 16 that nothing has happened.

When I turned 16, the state deemed me old enough to drive.

When I turned 17, the Motion Picture Association of America deemed me old enough to see rated-R movies and Giant Eagle let me have an Advantage card so I could rent movies and save money for college with UPromise.

When I turned 18, a whole slew of things happened because the federal government decided that I was now an adult and responsible enough to buy cigarettes (blech) and vote (hooray).

When I turned 19, our friendly neighbor to the north, the great country of Canada, deemed me old enough to drink alcohol on its soil. Thank you, Canada.

When I turned 20, I was no longer a teenager. I was stripped of my "I'm just a stupid teenager" excuse and "teenage dirtbag" title. It also happened to be when I bought my car, even though that purchase is unrelated to my turning 20 other than by pure temporal coincidence.

When I turned 21, the state government deemed me capable of understanding the nature of alcohol and thus able to drink it. I'm not entirely convinced that I know the nature of alcohol, as I just last week learned how "fun" cheap wine can be. I'm also not convinced that others understand it either--just go somewhere where folks are imbibing and you'll see what I mean.

When I turned 22, nothing happened.

There's no substance I'm able to consume. There's no age-related rite of passage. There's nothing--good or bad.

Maybe 22 is the age at which we're finally "old." I know, older-than-22-year-old reader, that you probably just rolled your eyes after reading that, but it's certainly plausible.

Nothing happens when you turn 22. You're just old, now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students need to vote on every issue

In response to Bill Murray's letter in the Feb. 23rd issue, I do not understand why there is any argument at all about if Westminster students should vote in the upcoming referendum. No longer do you have to only be a white male landowner to be able to vote in the United States.

Bill Murray wrote that students should not "ethically" vote until they are "stakeholders." Fortunately for all Westminster students as well as other members of New Wilmington who are renters, live in apartments, or owe anything at all on their mortgage, you do not have to own land to vote!

Let's get it together and ENCOURAGE students to vote on EVERY issue! That's what a democracy is all about! Let's be grateful for the rights we do have, instead of complaining that only a select few should "ethically" be able to take advantage of them.

Christie Grewe
Class of 2006

Both sides need to make their cases

I have been following the *Holcad's* recent coverage of the "wet/dry" debate in the borough of New Wilmington via the online edition of your newspaper. Being a recent graduate, I can still recall the last time this issue was on the ballot. I was dismayed then to see a few members of the town use scare tactics that discouraged students from making their voices heard.

I am dismayed today to see the arguments against a "wet" New Wilmington that have appeared in your paper recently. The argument is not about some sort of "moral" obligation as Bill Murray suggested in last week's *Holcad*. College students reside on campus for nine months of the year and the town would not be able to function economically without their support. If that does not give them the right to participate in area issues, then the letter of the law does.

Opponents of alcohol in New Wilmington are not arguing the right points. They need to make the case for keeping New Wilmington "dry" instead of arguing about how the students shouldn't be voting. Many students attend Westminster College not for its social scene, but because of its quaint and mostly peaceful atmosphere.

Instead of discouraging the student vote, the town needs to remind students that opening this Pandora's Box could in time ruin what makes Westminster College different from other schools in the area. Both sides have very valid arguments. I hope the students get out and make their voices heard this time around. The issue at hand should not be if students should cast their vote, but how they should cast it.

Matt McClelland
Class of 2005

It's not about wet vs. dry, it's about democracy

As I have been following the debate over the borough of New Wilmington gets set to vote on whether to become a "wet" borough, several thoughts on democracy and citizen participation come to mind.

First, I believe that the column written by Bill Murray last week is a very dangerous and uninformed perspective on this issue. Westminster students are in fact stakeholders in the borough of New Wilmington and have not only the legal right to vote, but also an ethical responsibility to do so.

For instance, when the borough passed the ordinance banning loud noises after a certain hour, students were directly affected. Under Mr. Murray's perspective, students are expected to follow the laws and ordinances of the borough of New Wilmington, without little to any influence on the processes of creating these ordinances.

This perspective erodes the principle of democracy that guides our country. Also, Mr. Murray argues that students are not part of the tax base of the local economy. While he is correct in the assertion that students do not directly pay property taxes to the borough, students pay these taxes indirectly through board fees if on campus and through rental rates if off campus.

Also, the economic impact of the college on the local community is profound. I shutter to think of the impact on the borough if the Westminster students and their families decided to boycott local businesses to show their direct impact on the borough.

Second, I would like to applaud Mr. and Mrs. Baum on their efforts to register students to vote in the borough. Also, Mr. Baum's vision of a creative economy in New Wilmington should not be overlooked. In Vermont, where I currently reside, communities have been successful in attracting younger and more vibrant populations into communities by offering space for artists, musicians, and writers.

Part of this creative economy ideal is to provide establishments such as restaurants and bars for people to exchange ideas and views. The need for these establishments is magnified in a college town such as New Wilmington.

To conclude, if this were any other issue, the people of New Wilmington would have no problem with students expressing their opinion in the political process. However, because the issue at hand goes against the status quo of the belief system of the town, democratic participation is being discouraged.

Please do not let your voice be silenced. Register to vote and change the make-up of New Wilmington for future generations.

Russell W. Mills
Class of 2005

Students make strong contributions to local economy, deserve vote

I thought this was America; where every citizen has a right to vote. This is not the Starship Enterprise.

Students are not aliens passing through a foreign land. Students are people living in the community; a vital part of the New Wilmington landscape.

In New Wilmington a citizen has a right to run for the office of mayor after living in the town for only two years. Students of Westminster College reside in New Wilmington for at least four years.

Should they not be able to run for mayor? Should students not be able to vote? Are students any less of a stakeholder in the community than someone who has just moved in the past year?

If it is a money issue, then what about citizens who do not have jobs? Should they be allowed to vote? Do they contribute to the local economy any more than students?

Isn't it true that a lot of local business struggle in the summer when students are not around? If students are not stakeholders because they will be moving on then why should the elderly have a vote? They too will be moving on soon.

Again I ask, I thought this was America; where students need not fear discrimination for being students, and everyone not only has a right to vote but should feel it is their duty to vote and have their voices heard. (Plus, isn't it a little unethical to tell someone that they shouldn't vote? Isn't that a little un-American?)

The point of changing New Wilmington from a dry town to a "wet" town seems to have been missed. New Wilmington is not going to turn into the Red Light District of Thailand because it has a liquor license. Students are not going to get any "drunker" nor will they be any "safer" than they already are.

The point of turning the town "wet" is to support a nice, stable restaurant. A restaurant where people can take their families to have a nice meal. A restaurant that will fill the community coffers with the tax dollars it brings in. A restaurant where employers can interview lunch prospective employees. A restaurant where I can take my girlfriend on a date.

Let's face it; having a liquor license in New Wilmington is not going to open a slew of bordellos for high school and college students to hang out in. It is not going to increase the amount of alcoholism or crime in New Wilmington.

It is going to maintain restaurants where locals and outsiders can come in and contribute to the local economy. It is going to offer job opportunities. It will bring money into the area. It will be an anchor to the local economy. It will help New Wilmington grow into the 21st century.

A liquor license is necessary to keep a nice restaurant open in New Wilmington; it's simple economics. A dry town is cool to me: to each his own. I respect that.

But don't try to fool yourself by actually thinking New Wilmington is "dry." The "water of life" flows just as steady New Wilmington homes as it does in "wet" communities. New Wilmington is "dry" only in spirit. People just go elsewhere spend their money; money that could be contributing to New Wilmington's development.

Changing New Wilmington from a "dry" to a "wet" town is not a moral issue; it is an economic one. If New Wilmington is going to grow with the surrounding area; then it needs a nice, stable restaurant to attract people to the town.

New Wilmington is no longer the self sufficient, isolated community it once was. It needs to adhere to 21st century convention, not 1920 conventions, if it is to stay alive. I know I do not want to see New Wilmington "The Ghost Town" on a History Channel special. (Plus, ask yourself why New Wilmington has stayed as alive as it is so far. The answer is Westminster College, and the college would not be here is it wasn't for the students.)

A vote for a "wet" town is not a vote for alcohol, it is a vote for the future; a vote for progress.

Matthew Kerns
Class of 2007

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REGIONAL

Surcharges, tolls along I-80 to be introduced

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Big-city surcharges on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the introduction of tolls along Interstate 80 are among the steps the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission advocates as alternatives to the potential leasing of the turnpike to a private operator.

The commission, which outlined its plan to the state Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday, contends that it is in a stronger position than private companies to cash in on the value of the 537-mile turnpike to raise money for improvements to the rest of the state's highway system.

Highlights of the commission's proposal:

Borrow $4 billion over 10 years through tax-exempt special revenue bonds issued by the commission to generate an average $400 million a year to jump-start work on highways and bridges maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Debt service would be paid out of the Motor License Fund, which includes revenue from the state gasoline tax and driver license and registration fees.

Collect tolls on Interstate 80 starting in 2011. Tolls are already charged on the highway from Chicago to the Pennsylvania border, and Pennsylvania tolls could raise hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Impose surcharges of as much as $1 on vehicles exiting the turnpike in the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre areas.

The fee would raise more than $150 million a year for a proposed "regional mobility fund" that would help finance mass transit systems.

Timothy J. Carson, the commission's vice chairman, warned that any private operator would demand the right to impose "very aggressive" toll increases as part of any long-term turnpike lease. He said existing public agencies should be fully explored as an alternative means of coping with the soaring cost of transportation projects.

"There's no free lunch here," Carson said in an interview. "It's just a question of who's going to help pay for what is done."

NATIONAL

Students, families in Indiana to receive thousands of dollars in civil rights lawsuit

KNIGHTSTOWN, Ind. (AP) - Three students and their families will receive $69,000 each to settle a civil rights lawsuit over the students' expulsions for making a movie in which evil teddy bears attack a teacher.

The settlement with the Charles A. Beard School Corp. was approved by the school board on a 5-2 vote Tuesday.

The lawsuit resulted from a dispute over a movie titled "The Teddy Bear Master" made by four students and distributed on DVD. School officials saw the movie as a threat to Knghtstown Intermediate School teacher Dan Clevenger and expelled the four.

Two of the students, Isaac Imel and Cody Overbay, sued the school corporation that is 35 miles east of Indianapolis on grounds it had violated their First Amendment rights. A third student, Charlie Ours, later joined the lawsuit. The fourth student did not challenge the school's expulsion.

The boys, who are sophomores, completed the movie last summer. In it, the "teddy bear master" orders stuffed animals to kill a teacher who had embarrassed him, but students battle the toy beasts, according to documents filed in court.

Superintendent David McGuire said the school district's insurance company will cover the cost of the settlements.

School Board President Matt Fruth cast one of the dissenting votes.

"I don't agree with our justice system," Fruth said.

The settlement terms also require the students' suspensions and expulsions be expunged from their records, that the students be allowed to make up missed work, and that Imel and Ours write a letter of apology to Clevenger and his wife.

U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker in December had granted a preliminary injunction against the expulsions of Imel and Overbay, saying school officials had not proved the movie disrupted school. Barker in her ruling described the movie as "humiliating" and "obscene."

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DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Alcoholic beverage referendum on borough ballot

April 15 is the last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania's upcoming May primary. The May 15 election will feature only local races. In Lawrence and Mercer Counties seats on the county commissions are up for a vote-and in New Wilmington voters will decide on a referendum to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in the borough.

Lawrence County officials have certified a citizens' petition to put the issue on the ballot. New Wilmington has always been a "dry" community. Borough leaders say the matter has come up on ballots in previous elections-but it has never passed.

In addition to voting on the alcoholic beverage referendum, borough voters will select from a field of candidates running for borough council. Three Democrats running as incumbents face three Democrats running as newcomers. The top three winners will face off with any Republican challengers in the November election.

If you want to register to vote, you must do so by April 15. The Pennsylvania Department of State has lots of information about voter registration including forms you can print and mail in before the deadline.

INTERNATIONAL

Heavy metal rock festival slated to take place in "Dutch Bible Belt"

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - A heavy metal rock festival hoping to hold an open-air concert in an area known as the Dutch Bible Belt received a permit on one condition: no cursing.

The Elsrock festival caused an uproar last year when it was held for the first time outside the small, heavily religious town of Rijssen, 75 miles east of Amsterdam.

Two religious political parties complained that heavy metal "is typified by lyrics about death and decay, and vocals that change between a hellish wail and deep grunts."

Churches protesting a new concert this year were pacified only by "the stated readiness of the organizers to make sure that no blasphemous words are used, and that the honor of God's name is not besmirched," Mayor Bort Koelewijn wrote in a letter granting the permit, made public on Tuesday.

"Should there in practice be any blasphemy, I'll ask the district attorney to prosecute."

A spokeswoman for the town said the concert was scheduled for Aug. 25, and as many as 1,200 people were expected to attend.

One of the concert's organizers, who asked not to be named because he feared he might lose customers at his regular business in Rijssen, said the bands invited were not known for Satan-worshipping lyrics and would be instructed to "keep it cool" during the concert.

Political Pong: What is free speech?

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Every so often, a case involving a First Amendment issue is heard by the Supreme Court. For those of you sketchy on what the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is all about, it's the amendment that protects a citizen's right to free speech, free establishment of religion and free assembly.

The current case that is about to be heard is Morse and the Juneau School Board et al. v. Frederick, but most people know it as the "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" case. In 2002, a high school in Alaska allowed its students to skip school to watch the Olympic flame as it passed by in Juneau. At the event, student Joseph Frederick held up a banner that said "Bong Hits 4 Jesus." The school's principal suspended Frederick for not removing the sign when asked. Frederick claimed that it violated his right to free speech and took the case to district court where he lost; however, the appellate court overturned the original ruling in favor of Frederick. The case has now been taken to the Supreme Court where a final ruling will be made.

I know what some of you are thinking: this article has been less than humorous. Before I discuss the arguments of the case, I'd like to take a comedy break and point out some ironic things about this case.

It's time for a quick poll. Anyone remember Kenneth Starr? Sure, you do. He was the man who investigated the Clinton administration and was made famous when he was named special prosecutor for the Monica Lewinsky case. Morse v. Frederick must be a big time case if Ken Starr has decided to participate. The best part is that he will be representing the school board and will be doing it for free. Go get 'em, Ken.

As much as I would like to dwell on the fact that Ken Starr is involved in the case, I must move on. Since Carsen is writing in defense of the school district, I will be defending the student.

The main argument in this case clearly is whether or not Frederick's actions were protected under the free speech portion of the First Amendment. The school had a strict policy which stated that promoting drug use was illegal. While it is true that students were given permission to miss school and attend the Olympic Torch Relay, that fact alone does not make the Olympic Torch Relay a school sponsored event. The relay was going to occur in Juneau regardless of the students being allowed to attend. Also, the event did not occur on school grounds. It is extremely difficult to argue that Frederick violated a school policy because of the event's lack of ties to the school itself.

Another important part of this case is precedent set by previous cases. Previous cases have upheld the school's right to limit sexual and profane language; however, protest speech has not yet been struck down. In Tinker v. Des Moines School District, students wore black armbands to protest the Vietnam War. The Supreme Court ruled that the students' actions were protected by the right to free speech. Since Frederick's sign contained neither vulgarity nor any sexual references, precedent in this case would seem to side with Frederick.

Defining what free speech actually means is a difficult task and plays out differently in various scenarios. What's my prediction on this case? Much to Ken Starr's dismay, I think the Supreme Court is going to uphold the appellate court's ruling in favor of Frederick.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

With the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq just behind us, one might expect that the anti-war protests and other demonstrations of free speech would be overwhelming the headlines and the evening news. Cindy Sheehan, one would think, would be heading up a nationwide march against sending more troops and screaming to bring the boys home.

There's one first amendment example, however, that came from the top of the world – literally. And there are no damaged American flags this time; the only thing burning here is an Olympic torch.

The Supreme Court just decided to take on a case nicknamed "Bong Hits 4 Jesus." It was named after the statement displayed on a poster held by then high school student Joseph Frederick in Juneau, Alaska as the Olympic torch passed by him.

Frederick's school had been dismissed specifically to view the ceremony, and his principal who attended the event promptly destroyed the sign, later suspending him for ten days.

The issue? Frederick believes his first amendment free speech rights were violated. The school district believes it had the right to impose order over the situation, justifying the principle's actions.

As funny and random as "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" may seem, its implications are less than holy. Frederick says the message is just funny and doesn't mean anything at all. But as the government will argue, it clearly advocates drug use.

I'm just as much for free speech as the next political opinion writer; I mean, if I couldn't say what I wanted, this column would be rather pointless.

But advocating illegal activities isn't on my okay for high school kids list. Since the school district was informally attending the event, many young people were there to witness the display.

The principal was right to come down hard on the student. Administrations exist to protect students from those things that are detrimental to them, like drugs.

While the student was 18 years of age at the time of the incident, he still was enrolled in a public school district and attending a school-emphasized event. High schools have never allowed complete and total free speech; if they did, it could prove chaotic. All the principal did was utilize her ability to discipline students who act in ways that are against the rules - a completely acceptable decision.

Not only is the promotion of drugs wrong, it was connected with religion, which is considered a moral endeavor; an endeavor that would not have its followers engaging in too many illegal activities.

Religious institutions should stand up against this correlation, however unintended that may be. People who stumble upon the t-shirts made with the "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" logo that are selling on the internet may get the wrong message. If I saw the shirt, I'd probably assume the next priest I saw was smoking up in the confession room in his spare time.

Frederick claims he was just utilizing his free speech rights with a message that meant nothing. When someone decides to make a public display, it means something, and there are consequences for his or her public actions.

Props to the principal who stood for something, too. I think she acted correctly. Let's hope the Supreme Court agrees.

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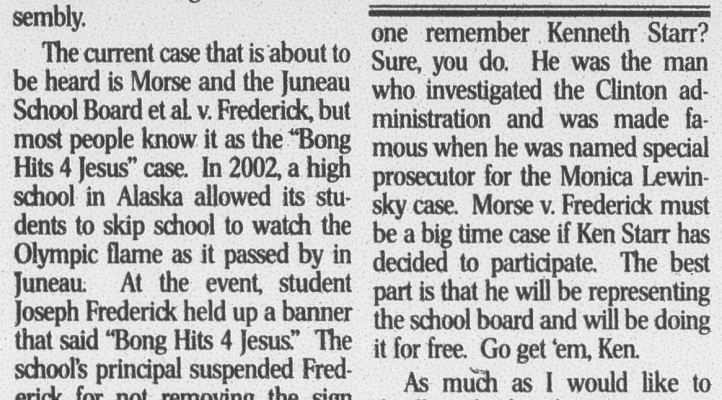

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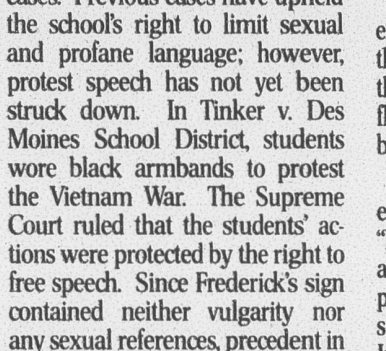
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Campus News

Newman club hosts speaker from Tanzania

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff Writer

On January 3, 2005, Father Filbert, a priest from Tanzania, came to the United States in order to study at Duquesne University.

On March 15, 2007, he spoke at to students at Westminster, informing them about missions work and culture in Tanzania. In between those dates, Father Filbert has not only been studying and giving sermons; he has also been raising money to build his hometown a high school.

"During my stay, especially during the summertime, I have been going to different states for my mission appeal" Father Filbert said. "I went to Minnesota, California, West Virginia, all these places to ask for money to build a high school for my town of Ifakara."

Father Filbert's town of Ifakara is located in the south eastern portion of Tanzania. Tanzania is the largest of the Eastern African countries, but according to Father Filbert, it also may be one of the most in need.

"Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in Africa; we are trying to build a high school so the people in Ifakara can get the education that they need" Father Filbert said.

If anyone is looking for a way to help those in Tanzania, Father Filbert recommended sponsoring a child to get an education if able.

Father Filbert's visit to Westminster was sponsored by the Newman Club, a Catholic fellowship group on campus. Newman Club president, Rachel Hammond, had the idea to invite Father Filbert to campus.

"I just knew he should come and speak to the Newman Club about Catholicism in Tanzania and its similarities and differences to here" Hammond said. "The stories he tells of his experiences here and how different it is back in his home country I felt would be a great lesson on another culture; we opened it up to the entire campus hoping that others would want to learn a little bit more too."

The Newman Club is open to the entire campus, so students can learn more about the Catholic faith. This year's theme is "Jesus Take the Wheel–My Road to Renewal." Father Filbert's visit to the campus tied into that theme by showing how Catholicism is different in another country.

"To fit in with that theme, we decided to take a 'road trip' to Tanzania and find out what Catholicism is like in another country" Hammond said. "We also have members who have studied abroad who shared their stories what Catholicism was like in the countries in which they stayed."

Students who attended the lecture discovered many interesting things about Tanzanian culture, including their marriage ceremonies, religious services, and even the food.

As for Father Filbert, he has discovered his favorite American food: french fries.

Contributed Photo

Father Filbert, from Tanzania, visited with the Newman Club on March 15.

Get Real series continues

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff Writer

Buying a home can seem overwhelming to college students currently living in an 11x14 dorm room; therefore, any advice offered about the process is worth taking.

John Lechner, dean of student affairs, and his wife Marilyn, a licensed real-estate agent, presented "Apartment and House Hunting Tips" as part of the "Get Real" life preparation series on March 22, 2007 in the MCC Club Room. About twenty students attended the presentation, hoping to gather advice on what to expect when looking for and buying their first house or apartment. Senior biology major, Allison Chambers, hopes to find a place to live after she graduates.

"I am going to medical school next year so I felt like I needed to know what to look for before I head out into the real world," Chambers said.

Lechner and his wife both offered valuable advice about getting a loan, choosing a location, establishing credit history, and purchasing insurance. Lechner warned students that they can all be tough issues to deal with if they are uneducated about the topics.

"You will be going from a little pond to the big ocean and there are sharks in the ocean that eat little fish, so you have to be careful," Lechner said.

Lechner gave an example from a recent article he found that warned of more foreclosures happening now than ever before. Specifically, he told of a man started out with a 3.9% interest rate on a 30 year mortgage which rose to an 11% interest rate and he could no longer afford it. He could also not refinance because he was in debt from furnishing the house.

Mrs. Lechner stressed the importance of finding a trustworthy real estate agent, who will provide all the necessary paperwork, and try to find a house that will fit his or her client's needs best.

"If a deal is too good to be true, then it probably is," Mrs. Lechner said. "Sellers are suppose to disclose on anything wrong with the house, so be sure to do background research."

She also informed students that, although it is good to establish credit history, it is not good to apply for too many credit cards, even if they go unused.

"If you have five credit cards sitting in a drawer untouched, it may seem harmless to have them, but banks will assume that there is potential for them to be used and won't offer as much money," Mrs. Lechner said.

Mr. Lechner finished up by offering some advice on obtaining insurance. He emphasized to students that there are a lot of exclusions and fine print to be aware of when purchasing insurance, so inquire about everything. He also offered a helpful tidbit by suggesting that homeowners video tape the contents of their home incase of destruction, that way they will know exactly what was lost.

Lechner offered a last piece of advice to students.

"When it comes to home buying and insurance, do your homework, operate completely from logic and not emotion, because it is one of the most important decisions of your life," Lechner said."

New groups to be presented to students next Thursday

By Jessica Davis
Campus writer

The College Feminists and the Pre-Veterinary Society are seeking recognition on campus and being presented to students until Thursday, March 29.

The two nonofficial groups are being presented to the campus for two weeks and with no objections will become official after March 29. Camille Hawthorn, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, posted the College Feminists and the Pre-Veterinary Society for the campus community on Thursday, March 15. These two very different groups hope to be accepted by students and encourage those with similar interests to join.

According to dictionary.com, feminism acts as a doctrine, movement and personal belief advocating social and political equality of men and women.

The College Feminists hope to provide and acquaint students with information pertaining to equality between the sexes, discussion of personal experiences with gender, the feminist movement and increased awareness of discrimination based on sex. Officers suggest students ignore the usual stereotypes associated with feminism and be open to the varying viewpoints and beliefs of other members. The entire campus community is welcome to join regardless of sex. The College Feminists meet at 12:45 p.m. on Thursdays in the Berlin Student Lounge.

"We started the College Feminists to promote equality and provide a safe, nonthreatening place where people can discuss gender relations in all areas of life," president Zoe Anthony said.

According to Hawthorn, the Pre-Veterinary Society was formed to help students explore opportunities and careers in veterinary medicine.

The Pre-Veterinary Society offers support to students with an interest in animals. The main goal is to allow students with the same interests to meet and discuss topics in veterinary medicine. Students considering an occupation as a veterinarian may be able to find internships, volunteer work and graduate school information through this group. There are not GPA requirements however, to become active members, students must belong to the group for at least two semesters and be enrolled in the required pre veterinary courses. The society does not have a set meeting time and place, but will provide this information to students at a later date.

"I am hoping that the Pre-Veterinary Society will affect the students by knowing who is in the pre veterinary program and that we can all help each other with any questions or concerns we have," president Stephanie Gollos said.

According to the Student Life and Athletic Council guidelines, the intentions of applying organizations must be consistent with the philosophy and goals of the campus.

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Campus News

Introducing the new SGA slate

Carsen Nesbitt to take over as president; ideas discussed in platform

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

The new SGA executive slate (from left) consists of academic chair Cory Mathias, special events chair Ashley Ray, judicial chair Ashley Carnahan, treasurer Steve Ruperto, president Carsen Nesbitt, vice president Elena Infante, secretary Jordan Flaim, PR chair Jeremy Lawler, diversity chair Barry Unis, and financial chair Conor Simpson.

By Akesha Joseph
Staff writer

With spring semester well on its way, Student Government Association is adapting to the new changes and improvements brought on by its new executive committee, Slate Nesbitt.

Slate Nesbitt will be governed by Carsen Nesbitt, a junior, and the new SGA President. The new slate was transitioned into office on Feb. 23.

On Feb. 27, the entire slate presented their platform to the Westminster community.

The executive slate consists of president Nesbitt, vice president Elena Infante, secretary Jordan Flaim, treasurer Steve Ruperto, judicial chair Ashley Carnahan, financial chair Conor Simpson, PR chair Jeremy Lawler, academic chair Cory Mathias, special events chair Ashley Ray, and diversity chair Barry Unis.

During the slate presentation, members of the executive committee were able to formerly present their platform of ideas for SGA in the upcoming year.

Members were also able to answer any questions regarding slate performance and goals for Student Government Association. The group is very excited and eager to work for the campus community and servicing the student body as a whole.

Slate Nesbitt presented some of the major changes that they would like see in SGA and on campus.

Their new ideas for Student Government Association included revitalizing Fall Fest, utilizing the "current student" page on the main website, pursuing longer hours in Marge Walker Fitness Center, and encouraging students to voice their opinions through one of several available channels through SGA including email and senator correspondence.

Nesbitt has been long waiting for the opportunity to preside over the student government. Getting involved on campus and making a difference for students has always been one of her main goals on campus.

"From the time I arrived on campus as a freshman, I realized that SGA was an organization that had the capacity to do great things. I've always wanted to be involved, and becoming president stood out as the best way to do that," Nesbitt said.

The diversity chair was a new addition to SGA this year and has sparked a great deal of discussion about diversity on campus. Slate Nesbitt is hoping to continue to implement the changes of the former Slate Kerns. These changes include making the diversity chair permanent and institutionalizing it, and also continuing the new library hours.

"When the idea of the diversity chair was first brought up, I was not convinced it was necessary. But Joselyn Parker's work really impressed me, and the goals of the position convinced me that it not only necessary, but it is important," said Nesbitt.

Alongside the issue of diversity Slate Nesbitt is hoping to improve handicap accessibility on campus as well.

Student Government Association is looking to do an outstanding job in representing the voice of all students. Meetings are now being held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Mueller Theatre, and all students are welcome to attend.

"I am looking forward to making the changes we're planning on making as a slate, and working with students, faculty and staff alike to improve the campus," said President Nesbitt.

Students travel to Memphis for conference

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Dr. Goldberg, fourteen students, and one alumnus drove thirteen hours to attend the 31st Midsouth Philosophy Conference at the University of Memphis.

They left at nine o'clock at night on February 22, then arrived in Jackson, Tennessee, late that night, lodging at a Motel 6.

The following morning the enthusiastic group drove two more hours to arrive in Memphis.

Each day students attended five to ten lectures concerning philosophy. The Keynote Speaker, Dermot Moran, edited the book that Dr. Goldberg's Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Philosophy class uses.

"The conference itself does not just receive national interest. The Keynote Speaker is an indicator of that, as he is from Ireland, and Westminster had the largest number of constituents of undergraduate students attending the conference."

Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy club, sponsored the trip, but non-philosophy majors attended and benefited from the trip.

"The Memphis trip gave me a new appreciation and interest in philosophy," explains Sophomore English major, Kelsi Daloisio. "The city was amazing and all the students who went got along perfectly. It was a great experience and I'm thankful to the philosophy club for letting non-majors go."

While the students were not attending lectures, they enjoyed the home of Elvis and B.B. King. The students hit up Beale Street–where blues, r & b, and soul were made popular–and saw a Zydeco music festival–a type of folk music with Cajun and Creole influence, usually played with an accordion.

"The new musical experience was hypnotizing," exclaims sophomore Karen Vesely, "especially to see someone break it down on a washboard!"

DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM 2007 CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH IMAGES OF WOMEN: TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CHOICES FOR WOMEN AND MEN

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
* 7 P.M. VESPERS WITH SPEAKER THE REV. JEANNETTE HOOKS HUBBARD, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY SERVICES, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE GOSPEL CHOIR
STUDENT ART EXHIBIT – ART GALLERY
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MONDAY, MARCH 26
* 11:40 A.M. CHAPEL, JULIA BROSKY, SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

* 4:30 P.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS, "IMAGES OF WOMEN", DR. VALERIE GILCHRIST, HEAD OF FAMILY MEDICINE, BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, MUELLER THEATER

TUESDAY, MARCH 27
*12:40-1:40 P.M. "SURVIVING BREAST CANCER", DR. VICKI HELGESON, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, MUELLER THEATER

*6:30 P.M. "ENCOURAGING MATH AND SCIENCE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEMALE AND MINORITY STUDENTS" WITH PANEL MEMBERS: DR. PAMELA RICHARDSON, MATHEMATICS; DR. KATHY ROBERTSON, BIOLOGY; DR. HELEN BOYLAN, CHEMISTRY; DR. CRAIG CAYLOR, PHYSICS; DR. TERRI LENOX, COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS; AND MODERATOR DR. ANN THROCKMORTON, BIOLOGY; PHILLIPS LECTURE HALL IN HOYT SCIENCE RESOURCES CENTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28
*11:45 A.M. FACULTY FORUM, "NEW DIVERSITY, PERSISTENT INEQUALITY: GENDER ISSUES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION," WITH DR. PHYLLIS KITZEROW, AND DR. VIRGINIA TOMLINSON, MUELLER THEATER

*7-8:30 P.M. LIFESTYLES PANEL: PANELISTS JAMES RADNOR AND REID AHL, A BLENDED, BI-NATIONAL FAMILY; DAWNE TAYLOR, A SINGLE PARENT AND HER DAUGHTER AUBRIANNA; CONNIE MCGINNIS, MOTHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS ADOPTED FROM PR OF CHINA; DR. SHANNON SMITHEY, MODERATOR DR. NEAL EDMAN, DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS; MUELLER THEATER

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
* 10 A.M.-4 P.M. ARTS AND CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION AND EXHIBIT: QUILTING BY JANICE FARMERIE AND NORMA GARRETT; HAIR BRAIDING BY AKESHA JOSEPH, A JUNIOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR, AND ALEXIS HARRIS, A SOPHOMORE SOCIOLOGY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR; SEWING BY DR. SANDRA WEBSTER; SOAP MAKING AND KNITTING BY OTTER CREEK, MERCER AND BY STUDENT SCOTT BRUCKER; SECOND FLOOR OF THE MCKELVEY CAMPUS CENTER

* 11 A.M., MUSIC, MCKELVEY CAMPUS CENTER

*12:40-1:40 P.M. PANEL ON "WOMEN AND SPORTS" WITH MARGE WALKER, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION EMERITA; KIP HAAS, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION EMERITA; TAMMY SWEARINGEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR; JAN REDDINGER, WOMEN'S SOFTBALL AND SOCCER COACH; AND MODERATOR ERIN SMITH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, MUELLER THEATER

* 7 P.M. MOVIE, "BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM" INTRODUCED BY KAITLYN ETZEL-HARDMAN, JUNIOR, MUELLER THEATRE

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
• 11:40 A.M. CHAPEL WITH TREE PLANTING, ASHLEY JOHNSON, A JUNIOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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DATE AUCTION

Theta Chi raised almost $2,200 for Jordan Jack, a local youth who was recently diagnosed with a life-threatening disease. More next edition.

Freshman Kappa Delta Jessica Miklosovic & host Jeremy Lawler, junior Theta Chi

Freshman independent Ben Portz & host Jeremy Lawler, junior Theta Chi

Sophomore Phi Kappa Tau David Dean & host Jeremy Lawler, junior Theta Chi

Senior Kappa Delta Sherri Breitigan, host, junior Phi Mu Karah Churmusi & junior Theta Chi Jeremy Lawler, host

Students travel during spring break to national capital, North Carolina for mission work, Habitat for Humanity

By Janie Ingersoll
Campus writer

This year's spring break gave nine students and two faculty members the opportunity to take a unique look at urban life in Washington, D.C.

On Friday, March 2 the students left for Washington, D.C. with Chaplin, Jim Mohr and Russel's Resident Director, Zak Lantz serving as their advisors. This eight day inner-city missions trip, which was open to anyone on campus, was sponsored by the Chapel. According to the Center for Student Missions, who hosted the group, the mission's main purpose was for the students to learn about the city, experience the city and, by contribution of time and energy, become a solution for the city.

"Overall, the trip was a really great experience, because I had the opportunity to spend my time over break doing something worthwhile that really helped make a difference in society," sophomore Andrew Slane said.

The Center for Student Missions, which operates missions programs in nine major cities across the country every spring and summer, led the group through their daily events. Students were accompanied by an intern, who acted as a guide and mentor, to help with the interaction among the city's people. The group stayed in a local church, in which they shared sleeping dormitories with 20 college students from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Each day was filled with different service activities that benefited the well-being of the city's people. Everyday the group served food to the homeless at a local shelter, and they also served for a church during their "Third Street Prayer Breakfast." Students helped work an after-school program daily, in which they worked one-on-one with a child. Twice during the week, the students and faculty volunteered at a geriatric center, and they also spent time sorting perishable and non-perishable items at a local shelter.

To develop their understanding of being homeless, the group was challenged to take the 'Urban Plunge.' Each person was given six dollars to live off for four hours. They had to learn how to allocate their limited funds in order to survive. During their challenge, they met a man named Charles, who has been homeless for 15 years. He lost all his belongings and job when someone set fire to his home. Charles showed the students some of the challenges he endures on a daily basis, and in return, the students donated money to buy him food and socks.

"This experience was good because it reminded you that not all homeless people are homeless because they are just lazy," junior Jessica Wiedman said. "Sometimes unfortunate things happen to people."

Because the city is so diverse, the group was taken to eat at different local ethnic restaurants and cafes every night. They were able to experience different foods such as Haitian, Northern and Eastern African, Thai, Chinese, Seoul and other cuisines. One night the students went to Ben's Chili Bowl, which is a historic restaurant in Washington, D.C. It was one of the only businesses on its street that survived the riots of 1968 that broke out after Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

"I enjoyed going to the ethnic restaurants," junior Thokozani Mbewe said. "I think it was amazing because it gave me a chance to try different types of food, and I am normally not the kind of person who likes to try new food."

Upon their return, the students shared their experiences from Washington, D.C. during Chapel.

By Megan Hoffman
Campus writer

This spring break several students opted to trade in their beach towels and sunscreen for some hammers and nails.

Eight people, including seven students, traveled to Pittsboro, North Carolina on the Habitat for Humanity spring break trip. There they worked on the framing, roofing and siding of three different houses.

"This was not a group you would walk around this campus and expect to go together, but everyone worked well together, were cooperative, and willing to help," trip advisor Carey Anne M. LaSor said.

The students who went on the trip are all involved in different groups and areas on campus which gave them a way to meet and get to know other students that they might not have otherwise met.

"We had some interesting discussions about stereotypes and the ways you categorize people," LaSor said

The local Habitat members left for North Carolina on Saturday March 3 and stayed there the whole week and most of their spring break before driving back the following Saturday, March 10.

"On our trip we did a little bit of everything; we hammered, painted, cut wood, and framed a house," Megan Fisher said.

The group spent the week working on two houses in a Habitat community in Siler City, Nc. In addition to those two houses, they also work a day on a third house located in Pittsboro, Nc.

"The work that all the groups did the one week put them ahead three months on their construction schedule," LaSor said. "That way the families will be able to move into the houses three months sooner."

President of Habitat, Laura Sahar, added that this year's trip was different than the three other trips she went on because they traveled to three different houses instead of working on only one house. She also said that by working on a couple of houses during the trip they were able to experience different jobs than if they had only focused on one house.

"It was really a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life and give them a new beginning," Sahar said.

The workers were given jobs that they were comfortable with, but also ones that enabled them to learn a new skill.

"The coordinators of Habitat like to try and give each worker several different jobs to get a chance at experiencing construction and to learn something different," LaSor said.

Although the Habitat members ultimately went on the trip to work on helping to build the houses, they were able to take a break and experience some of the local things that the southern state. has to offer.

"We went to Chapel Hill University one night and were able to see what the campus was like, and we also went out to dinner," Fisher said.

The group worked and camped alongside students from DeSales University located in Allentown, Pa. The students from DeSales worked in the area before and chose to return. LaSor added that this was the first year that students from the school traveled to the area; however, the local Habitat group has participated in a spring break trip for many years.

"It has always been a really strong group on campus," LaSor said.

Students can register to vote in the borough

By Staci McGill
Staff writer

In the recent months, there has been a push to have college students register to vote.

Here are a few steps students can take to register; they can go online to www.votespa.com and print out a form, or come to a voter registration drive on campus. Students must register to vote in New Wilmington by April 15, or they will be unable to go to the polls in May (there is a 30-day processing time for new voter applications). When filling out an address, students living on campus should use 319 South Market Street, Box XXX, Westminster College, PA 16172.

Students living off campus should use their fraternity or apartment as their address of residence. Also, when sending in the registration students need to include a copy of their driver's license if they plan to vote by absentee ballot.

The next thing students need to know is how to vote. On Tuesday, May 15, students need to come to the New Wilmington Borough Office, which is across from Alice's Pizza, to vote, or they can vote by mail with an absentee ballot.

If students cannot make it back to the area to vote, then they can fill out an absentee ballot. Students can fill out an Absentee Ballot Application, online at www.votespa.com, a local voter's registration drive, or by calling 724-656-2161. The absentee ballot will then be mailed back to the voter, and they should fill it out and mail it back. The Absentee Ballot must be mailed back by May 7 to Lawrence County, Voter Registration Office, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101.

"When I registered to vote two years ago, there were no instructions and it's really nice that people are so encouraging," sophomore Gary Hanssen said.

There are some myths associated with voting for college students that are false. Students will not jeopardize their financial aid or funding by registering to vote. Students will not be taxed because they register to vote. (They will have to pay a $10 OP tax only if they work).

"I don't feel like I have the right to register in two places," local resident and Mercyhurst student Andrea Coulter said. "I mean, eight months is not long enough to live in one place, I think that it should be a permanent resident."

"I don't see the need to register to vote in the area, because I only live here eight months out of the year," junior Jessica Williams agreed.

If students have any specific questions about voting, please call Harry Van Sickle (he is the Commissioner of Elections for the State of Pennsylvania) 717-787-5280. Alternatively, check out www.votespa.com and click on Student Voting Guide.

Titan Traverse visits Georgia, Mexico for spring break trips

By Tom Campana
Campus writer

The Titan Traverse Organization traveled to two different sites to reinforce their stewardship and increase their spirit of play during spring break.

As the members explored and hiked through two different new sites, they became familiar with the outdoors and natural resources that surrounded them. There were two separate trips one to Georgia and another to Mexico. The Georgia trip was advised by Brian Vare and Chrissy Valentine. The Mexico venture was advised by Lauren Nystrom and her husband Steve.

Fifteen students joined the Georgia trip and traveled by van to Cumberland Island on March 2nd and arrived back on the 11th. The group backpacked for seven days and enjoyed the beach for a couple hours per day. They also went kayaking for a day. The students also stayed at a national park on the island for two days while they helped forest rangers with trail maintenance and trash.

"It was a relaxed week being away from all the electronics and just enjoying what nature has to offer us," Vare said.

The cost of the trip was $50 per person which included transportation, equipment, and food.

"I really loved the trip, we had a great time backpacking, kayaking, and camping. Nothing beats playing in the ocean and seeing wild horses," Jennie Smith, Freshman Titan Traverse member said.

The second trip was made up of five students and two advisors who toured the mountains of Mexico. After arriving in El Paso the group walked across a bridge to Juarez where they then took a bus to Chihuahua.

On the second bus stop, the group visited a ranch that was owned by Nystroms friend. The Traverse team hiked down a hill and along the river, they then hiked back up to the ranch where they slept in tents for the duration of the trip.

"I was impressed by the different surroundings and opportunities to travel outside of our visual elements to experience the dessert and wilderness," L. Nystrom said.

Some of the other ventures and activities on the trip were horse back riding and rock climbing. Students also got to meet with the Sierra Madre Alliance Organization, which is a group of people who work to defend the Native Indians land and personal rights.

The Titan Traverse Organization holds two trips which occur in both the fall and the spring. These trips are usually in November and April; they are also open to students who are seeking to become a part of Titan Traverse. Students who wish to do so can pick up applications in the Traverse office which is located in McKelvey.

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High	High 61°	High 62°	High 64°	High 62°	High 60°	High 61°
Low	Low 45°	Low 41°	Low 44°	Low 42°	Low 38°	Low 43°
Cooler with rain at times	A shower possible	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny and mild	A thunderstorm possible	Times of sun and clouds	A couple of afternoon showers

Weather History

Record floods hit the Midwest on March 23, 1913, with major rainstorms adding to snowmelt. This prompted the federal government's first widespread flood control projects.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	50	38	r	61	47	c	65	45	pc	65	46	pc	62	44	c
Butler, PA	54	38	r	59	46	c	60	41	pc	66	43	pc	62	43	c
Cambridge, OH	60	45	t	67	52	c	67	46	pc	68	48	pc	66	44	c
Canton, OH	53	39	r	62	48	c	65	45	pc	65	46	pc	62	43	c
Cincinnati, OH	66	51	t	74	56	pc	73	55	c	72	52	t	65	46	pc
Clarion, PA	52	31	r	55	42	pc	64	40	pc	62	40	pc	59	39	c
Clarksburg, WV	68	48	t	65	53	pc	69	47	pc	68	46	pc	63	45	c
Cleveland, OH	50	38	r	57	47	pc	63	45	pc	62	46	pc	62	40	c
Columbus, OH	61	47	t	67	53	t	70	52	c	70	51	pc	68	47	pc
Cumberland, MD	64	41	c	60	44	c	65	40	pc	60	39	pc	54	40	t
Erie, PA	46	34	r	49	36	pc	51	39	pc	59	46	pc	56	39	c
Franklin, PA	52	33	t	58	43	pc	61	40	pc	64	41	pc	61	40	c
Greensburg, PA	58	38	t	61	49	c	63	44	pc	66	44	pc	59	42	c
Greenville, PA	52	34	r	59	44	pc	61	41	pc	61	43	pc	61	41	c
Grove City, PA	54	36	r	60	45	c	60	41	pc	65	42	pc	62	42	c
Hagerstown, MD	60	42	c	54	42	c	59	38	pc	58	43	pc	63	44	t
Indiana, PA	53	39	t	61	46	c	64	42	pc	64	43	pc	57	39	t
Jamestown, NY	50	32	r	51	38	pc	56	37	pc	58	40	pc	55	35	c
Kittanning, PA	56	34	r	61	47	c	61	42	pc	66	44	pc	61	43	c
Lisbon, OH	58	38	r	62	46	c	65	44	pc	64	45	pc	62	43	c
Mansfield, OH	50	42	r	60	50	t	65	47	pc	69	48	c	63	44	c
Marietta, OH	64	45	t	69	55	pc	70	48	pc	73	50	pc	69	48	pc
McKeesport, PA	60	41	t	62	50	c	64	45	pc	65	46	pc	59	43	c
Meadville, PA	52	35	r	57	43	pc	57	41	pc	59	43	c	61	39	c
Morgantown, WV	64	44	t	64	52	pc	67	45	pc	68	48	pc	63	45	c
New Castle, PA	55	38	r	61	46	c	63	42	pc	64	44	pc	63	43	c
Oil City, PA	52	31	r	57	43	pc	62	41	pc	64	41	pc	61	41	c
Pittsburgh, PA	56	41	r	60	46	c	62	43	pc	65	46	pc	65	45	c
Sharon, PA	54	36	r	60	45	c	62	41	pc	63	44	pc	62	41	c
Somerset, PA	54	37	t	53	43	c	60	39	pc	57	37	pc	50	38	t
Steubenville, OH	58	42	r	63	50	c	67	47	pc	67	47	pc	63	44	c
Uniontown, PA	61	40	t	62	50	c	65	43	pc	67	47	pc	63	44	c
Warren, OH	54	37	r	60	46	pc	64	41	pc	64	45	pc	63	42	c
Washington, PA	55	40	t	62	48	c	63	41	pc	67	45	pc	60	42	c
Waynesburg, PA	61	40	t	63	50	pc	64	43	pc	68	46	pc	62	43	c
Wheeling, WV	57	44	t	64	51	c	67	49	pc	66	47	pc	61	45	c
Youngstown, OH	50	37	r	59	45	pc	63	41	pc	62	43	pc	62	41	c
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Titans swing by Florida during break

By Melissa Kramer
Sports writer

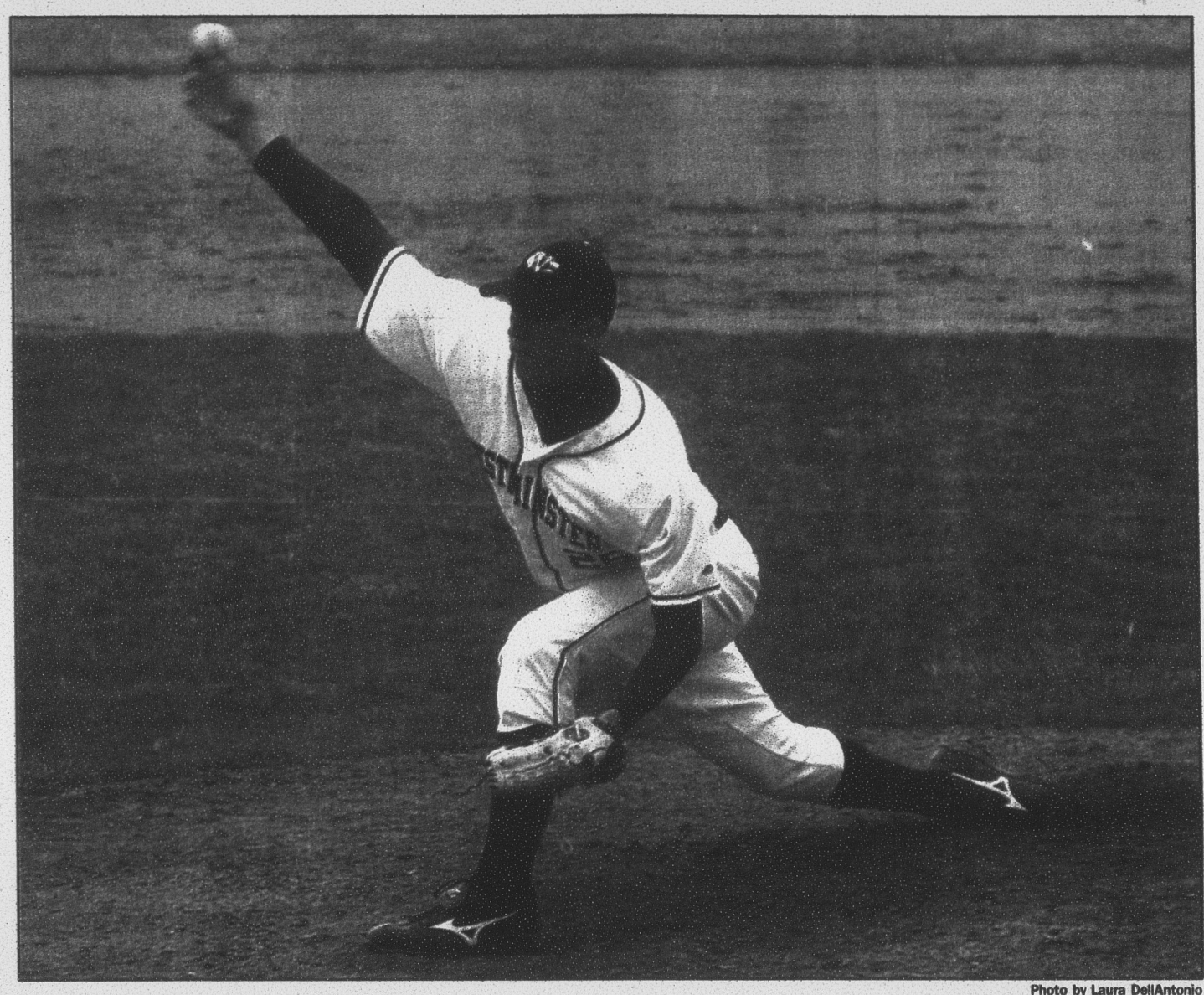

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

While most students spent spring break at the beach or relaxing at home, the Titans baseball team traveled to Fort Pierce, Florida where they competed in five doubleheaders.

The Titans began the 2007 season by splitting a doubleheader with Elizabethtown. The team then fell to Susquehanna during the second day. After the third day, Westminster evened their record to 3-3 by defeating Eastern University.

The Titans then competed with Ursinus, winning the first game, and dropping the nightcap. On the final day of the spring break trip, Westminster swept a doubleheader with Marywood bringing their record to 6-4 for the week.

Not only did the Titans return from their spring break trip with a winning record, they also returned with stronger team unity. After spending a week with nine to ten team members in each suite, the Titans had an opportunity to get to know each other better.

The Titans are confident about the 2007 season with hopes to be named PAC champions and make it to regionals.

"I think our defense is arguably the best in the PAC," junior Andrew Robison said. "I feel confident throwing strikes because I know my defense is behind me."

"The lineup is strong one through nine and defensively we are good at every position," junior Brandon Drespling said. "We have pitchers returning who have past experience and players coming off of surgeries which will help out the staff."

The Titans return a lot of talent and especially throughout the batting lineup this season. In the field the Titans also have six positional starters returning, including their top three hitters from 2006, junior Donnie Womeldorf, sophomore John Izzo, and junior Donnie Kirkwood.

Womeldorf, Izzo, and Kirkwood, members of the second-team all-PAC selections, batted a .361, .343, and .333 respectively. Womeldorf led the team with 34 starts and 122 at-bats, while Izzo led the team in slugging (.620) and total bases (67). Kirkwood led the team with a .452 on-base percentage.

Sophomore Nick Maiorano returns this season to the middle infield as shortstop after starting 31 games last year, batting .250 and posting an .865 fielding percentage.

Senior outfielder Dan Conti returns after making 15 starts last year, along with classmate James Padula who made eight starts. Junior David Colella is also back in action after making 13 starts last year and is the team's likely starting designated hitter.

Pitching has been emphasized as an important factor in the success of the 2007 Titan baseball squad. Senior Tony Cunningham, a 2005 second-team all PAC pitcher returns this season as first in the pitching the rotation after sitting out last year because of an injury.

Following Cunningham is junior Scott Carney who also suffered an injury last year. Behind Carney is sophomore Gary DeBaldo and junior Andrew Robison, who was named PAC player of the week after winning two games.

The Titans are scheduled to play at Thomas More on Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Save the last dance

The NCAA Tournament, which more commonly takes the title of March Madness, is often referred to as the big dance because an underdog team, Cinderella, shocks the nation and advances farther than the average bear picked them to in the office pool. Case in point, George Mason, last year's Cinderella.

However, this year's tourney Cinderella dance will have to be postponed until next March. The lowest seeded team to advance to the Sweet 16 is seventh seeded UNLV. Composing most of the Sweet 16 are all four number one seeds, three of four number two seeds, and three of four number three seeds.

Expert analysts say that even though upsets have not been prevalent early, they will come in a flurry in the next couple of rounds. I disagree. Without question, all four of the number one seeds will advance to the Elite Eight. Of these number one seeds, Florida is a lock to make the final four. The defending champion Florida Gators will smoke the competition in the Midwest region like a bad cigar.

This year's tournament, more than any in recent memory, favors the favorites. Of the remaining three number one seeds, I believe two more will advance to the final four. After Xavier gave Ohio St. a wake-up call that they nearly missed, Thad Matta's bunch will not allow any more teams to remain as close as they allowed Xavier.

Had it not been for Ohio State receiving three Acts of God (the officials not calling an intentional foul on Greg Oden, Xavier's Justin Cage subsequently missing the second of two free throws with 9.3 seconds left in regulation, Ron Lewis hitting a trey with two seconds remaining to send the game into overtime) in the waning 10 seconds of the basketball game, my whole column may not be talking about saving the last dance, but about a Cinderella squad that would draw comparisons to David defeating Greg Oden, or as the story goes, Goliath.

Now that Ohio St. did survive, no team in the South region will defeat the Buckeyes for a trip to the Final Four. UNC is the third number one seed I expect to appear in the Final Four, only unlike the other two number one's UNC will lose in this round to eventual tournament runner-up Ohio St. Georgetown will play tough; however, with only two stars compared to five for UNC, Georgetown's Final Four bid will die in the Elite Eight.

The West region will be the only region that does not send its number one seed to the Final Four. Credit Kansas for not choking this year in the similar fashion they had in their past two tries. At least this year, Bill Self is showing signs that he can coach himself out of a wet paper bag. However, old habits die hard, and Kansas' habit of underachieving in the NCAA tournament will not die this year as they will lose to UCLA in the Elite Eight.

UCLA will feel the heat to rematch Florida after Florida shellacked them in last year's National Championship. UCLA will come up short, and Florida will meet Ohio St. and Greg Oden, or is that Greg Oden and Ohio St., for the National Championship. Greg Oden will control Al Horford, but the overall depth and experience of Florida will prevail. The Gators will be the first to repeat in over a decade, and for five college friends soon to be NBA bound, the Gators will indeed save the last dance.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Titan swimmers take PAC champs

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

As the snow starts to melt and winter comes to an end, so does Men's Swimming. But as the snow goes in a quite dramatic way, the Titans go out with a bang.

The Titans ended the regular season as the 2007 PAC Champions. The Titans claimed the title on February 10 by placing first in the three day Grove City Invitational.

The Titans were able to hold the title for the second year in a row by claiming victory over the three PAC eligible teams at the ten team meet. To go along with the PAC Title, head coach, Rob Klamut, was named PAC Men's Coach of the Year.

"Although both teams did suffer losses during the season, they both showed the signs of champions by pushing through them and winning the championship," sophomore Chris Lehberger said.

With such a great season, one would think that would be the end, but on Fri., March 2, four of the Titans will compete in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships.

The Titans traveled to Houston, Texas on Friday, March 15 for the Swimming Nationals to compete among the country's leading swim teams.

On the first day of the meet the Titans were able to set two school records. Senior All American Ryan Trunk was able to beat the previous 50 yard freestyle record, set by him at the 2006 PAC Championships, with a time of 20.75.

The 400 medley relay team consisting of Trunk, Pat Smith, Chris Lehberger, and Conor Simpson was also able to set a school record 3:25.62 which was set in the preliminaries. The relay team was able to take eighth place in the finals earning the team All American status.

The Second day also ended with the 400 medley team setting yet another school record in the 200 medely relay with a time of 1:34.90 in the preliminaries in order to move on to finals an take eleventh place. Those same Titans were also able to take eighteenth in the 800 freestyle with a time of 7:03.95.

The competition ended on Saturday, March 17, but not before the Titans were able to set two more school records. Chris Lehberger beat his own school record twice to set a new record of 2:05:45 in the 200 breaststroke and place twelfth in the finals.

Senior Ryan Trunk was able to earn All American status in the 100 freestyle for the second consecutive year. Trunk was also able to break his own record twice by placing fourth in the preliminaries with a time of 45.10 and taking second place in the finals with a time of 44.93.

The Titans were able to place twentieth overall while setting four new records and earning All American status twice.

"Finishing top 20 at the National meet in Houston was a great accomplishment for the men's swim team," Senior Ryan Trunk states, "It was a goal of ours all year long."

Softball team trains in Florida, too

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The women's softball team opened the 2007 season on March 5 by defeating Eastern Mennonite three to two and losing to Mount Union nine to seven at the Rebel Games in Kissimmee, Florida.

Seniors Heather Gurgiolo and Kristin Zyskowski had the key hits in the win. Gurgiolo slapped a two-run single while Zyskowski hit a one-run single, giving the Lady Titans a three to one lead in the sixth inning. Junior Maria Joseph led the Titans by going two for three. Senior Jennifer Pancake registered the win giving up two runs on five hits and one walk to go with four strikeouts. The Lady Titans surrendered a seven to five lead to Mount Union as freshman Jennifer Emery gave up nine runs on 15 hits with no walks and no strikeouts.

"The trip was a lot of fun," Emery said. "Initiation was the best - getting to know the team and actually getting to play on a field."

They then fell to 1-3 after two losses March 6 in the second day of action. The Titans fell to Muskingum, 11-7, and Muhlenberg, six to one. Emery went three for four with one run scored. Gurgiolo was two to three with two RBI and a run scored, while Rosati and Joseph both went two for four.

Pancake pitched seven innings, giving up 11 runs on 14 hits and one walk to go with two strikeouts. Against Muhlenberg, the Titans took an early lead scoring on two Mule errors before giving up six unanswered runs. Freshman Laura Henry pitched two and two-third innings with five hits and five runs to go with three walks and two strikeouts.

Then the Lady Titans evened their record to 3-3 by collecting two wins on March 9 with a 6-4 victory against Saint Francis and an 8-5 triumph over Heidelberg. Parker hit a two-run, sixth-inning triple to give the Titans a six to four lead in the win.

Parker led by going 2-4 at the plate with two RBI, while Emery and Pancake each went two for three with an RBI. Pancake earned the win pitching a complete game while giving up four runs on six hits to go with two walks and four strikeouts.

Against Heidelberg, Emery pitched the first three and one-third innings, giving up five runs on nine hits with three walks and five strikeouts to earn the win. Parker led the Titan offense against Heidelberg by going 4-5, while Zyskowski went 3-4 with two RBI.

"Florida was nice. We really got to see what we were made out of," Henry said. "I think this sets the tone for the rest of the season."

The Lady Titans completed the final two days by going 1-3 over the weekend to finish the spring break trip with a 4-6 record. Pancake earned the win over Washington by pitching a complete game, giving up one run on two hits and one walk with three strikeouts. They compiled seven hits as Parker led the Titans going three for four at the plate, while Zyskowski went two for three with a two-run single and Joseph also went two for three.

Pancake suffered the loss against Emerson, as she gave up three runs on five hits with two strikeouts and no walks. Senior Stephanie Cornicelli and sophomore Amy Cornicelli each had two hits in the loss to Emerson. Emery absorbed the losses against Rowan and Wisconsin-Stout.

Emery was the third pitcher to enter the game for the Titans against Rowan, giving up five runs off seven hits in the final four innings of relief. Other Titans with multiple hit games during the weekend were A. Cornicelli going two for three against Stout, and Zyskowski and Pancake each going two for three vs. Rowan.

The Lady Titans will next travel to Pitt-Bradford on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis season starts with a win

By Bob Long
Sports writer

The men's tennis team had its first match of the 2007 season on March 20 against Hiram.

The Titans faced an undermanned team, and took advantage of the tired Hiram team. The Titans go to this season ready to make a mark on the PAC conference.

The PAC has only five teams competing for the title this season because Thiel College does not have a program this year.

With only five teams in contention, the Titans will be able to concentrate more on certain opponents and be ready to face teams within the conference.

Westminster and Hiram face off in an indoor match held at the North Beaver Tennis Center in New Castle, PA. Hiram only fielded up to the fourth spot due to a lack of players on the team.

In the number one spot, Gene Cunningham faced Hiram's Steve Milcinovic who beat him 8-3. Cunningham had the only singles loss of the match for the Titans.

Nate Dodd, Fred Romeo and Matt Drabick all had wins to start off the season. Drabick and Romeo got their first wins as collegiate tennis players against Hiram.

There were also two doubles matches played, one going to Hiram and the other Westminster.

The two Westminster doubles teams are Gene Cunningham and Stefan Hadricky, and the other is Fred Romeo and Dusty Rhodes. Rhodes and Romeo came out with the win 8-0, while Cunningham and Hadricky lost 8-6. The Titans won the match to start the season 7-2.

The team will be led this season by junior singles Gene Cunningham. Cunningham will have to play well as the number one if the Titans plan on making it to the PAC championships.

Recently the tennis team took a trip to Hilton Head, SC to work on different aspects of their game.

"It was very important because it was our first time playing outdoors so it was a valuable opportunity to work on our court skills and also get in gear for our season," sophomore Nate Dodd said. "The team is mostly freshmen and sophomores which give us a lot of depth."

The team will need this depth to work their way through the PAC this season. It is also likely that with only five teams in the conference, the Titans will get a first round bye in the playoffs and can prepare for the next match.

The Titans begin PAC play in the next couple of days, and will start it off against rival Grove City.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior Gene Cunningham is the Titans' number one player this season.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Bullock unwinds Premonition*'s twists*

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

[Hanson's] family only worries more about her mental state and whether she can take care of her daughters.

A number of people commented to me that they were apprehensive about seeing Premonition because they were worried it would be too confusing to enjoy.

Judging by the trailers, I too was worried that my liberal arts mind would worry about piecing together the plot and miss the entire movie.

However, while the film has a twisted storyline, it has a simple base and is worth the time to understand.

The film stars Sandra Bullock as Linda Hanson, a suburban housewife with two daughters, a beautiful house, and a successful husband who acts more like a roommate.

However, Linda's stable surrounding crashes when she learns that her husband, Jim (Julian McMahon), was killed in a car accident.

After dealing with the direct aftermath, her life takes another sharp curve when she wakes up the next day and Jim is still alive.

Thinking that she just had a nightmare, Linda continues through the day, but the next morning she wakes up to mourners in her living room who are ready to take her to Jim's funeral.

Once she realizes that this is not a nightmare, Linda starts trying to piece together what is going on, but no psychiatrist or consoling family member can give her answers.

Her family only worries more about her mental state and whether she can take care of her daughters.

Eventually it dawns on Linda that her days in one given week of Sunday through Saturday are appearing out of order, and Jim's death was actually a premonition.

She realizes no one can help her without thinking she should be committed, but she tries to find a solution to save Jim and to keep her life from spinning out of control.

Sandra Bullock does well with carrying most of the film with her character; she manages to add depth to the personality that keeps the film fresh.

Source:msnbc.com

Jim (Julian McMahon) is scheduled to die in a traffic accident. Can his wife Linda (Sandra Bullock) save him?

Against normal pretense, she does not immediately want to save her husband's life, but she thinks of the hard times they have been going through and debates if letting Jim die would be the same as killing him.

Another refreshing aspect is that the film manages to carry the audience through the plotline without getting bored or being able to predict what will happen.

Aside from having to reprimand some noisy preteens, it was an enjoyable Friday night at the movies.

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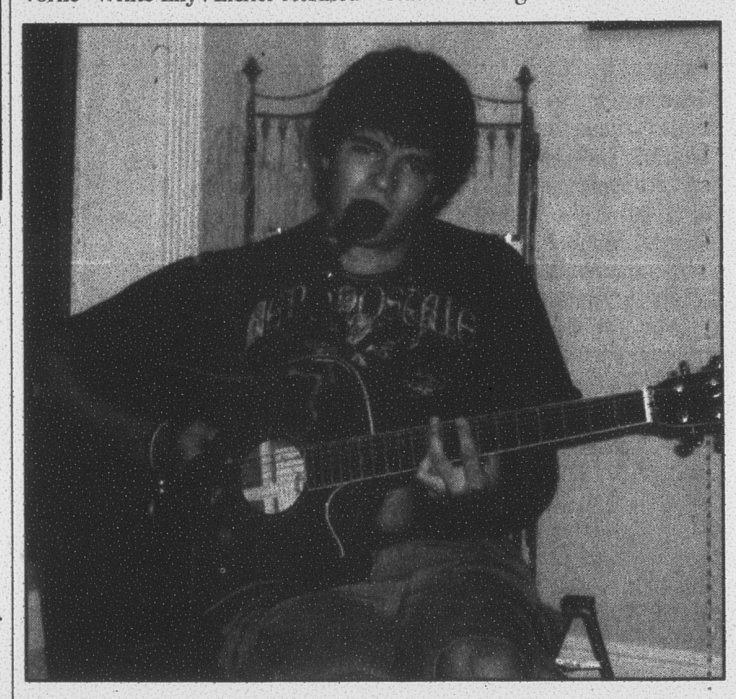
Rating: B

Upcoming sophomore release

By Lindsay Nuzzo
Staff writer

Sophomore JD Eicher will release his second album, titled *Broken Mirrors and Microscopes* on Friday, March 30, 2007. The album will feature 13 self-written tracks by Eicher, including the fan favorite "White Lily". Eicher released his first CD, *Wings to Fly* in January of last year, and has high hopes for his new album.

"I hope the new album will show my fans how much I've grown, musically, from the last album," Eicher said. Copies of the CD will be available for $10 at his same-night show in The Berlin Student Lounge.



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JD Eicher's album release date is scheduled for March 30.

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

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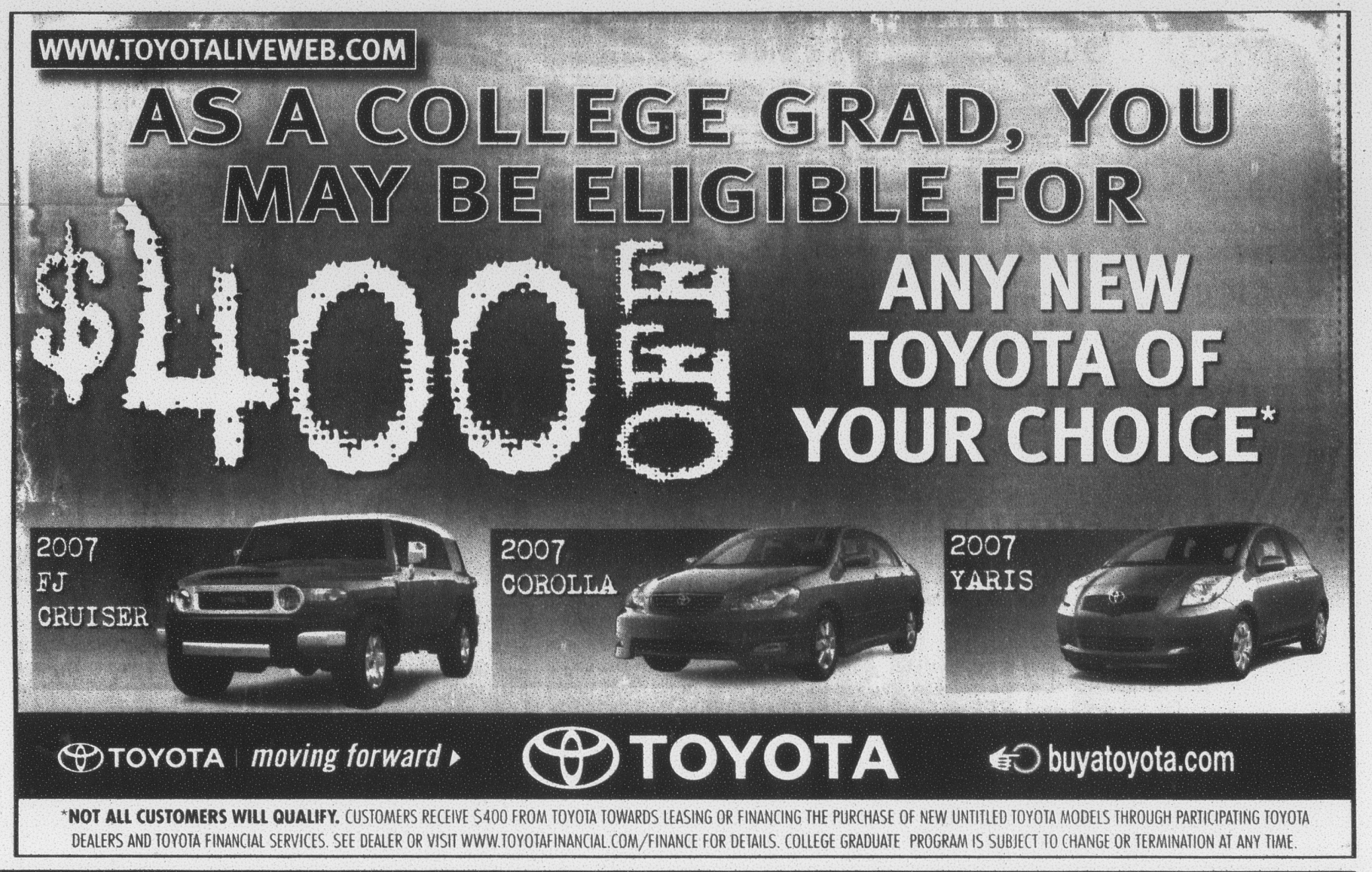


Calendar

March 23, 2007

11:40 AM Biology Seminar -- Phillips Lecture Hall

6:00 PM BSU Fashion Show -- Orr Auditorium

March 24, 2007

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Clarion Invitational

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM FCA Round Robin Racquetball Tournament

12:00 PM Baseball at Thomas More

3:00 PM Student Senior Voice Recital: Nikky Douglas -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Student Senior Recital: Shelley Culver, organ -- Orr Auditorium

March 25, 2007

12:00 PM Baseball at Thomas More

2:00 PM Softball at Pitt-Bradford

March 26, 2007

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Chapel Office Continuing Education Seminar: Dr. Dale Galloway -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM "Share Our Strength" Bake Sale -- MCC TUB (all week)

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Gilchrist Lecture -- Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Diversity Symposium -- "Images of Women: Twenty-Five Years of Choices for Women and Men" -- MCC Mueller Theater

March 27, 2007

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM HISTORY DAY -- Multiple Campus Locations

12:40 PM Diversity Symposium: Psychology Colloquium Speaker -- MCC Mueller Theater

6:30 PM Diversity Symposium: Panel on Women in Science and Math -- Phillips Lecture Hall

8:00 PM Lambda Sigma Presents "Islam: Religion of Violence or Culture in Crisis?" -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

March 28, 2007

11:45 AM Faculty Forum -- Phyllis Kitzerow and Virginia Tomlinson, "New Diversity and Persistent Inequality: Gender Issues in the Legal Profession" -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:00 PM All-Campus Book Discussion: The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:00 PM Diversity Symposium Lifestyles Panel -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Guest Artist Voice Recital: Gregory Mercer -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert - MCC Berlin Student Lounge

March 29, 2007

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Diversity Symposium Arts and Crafts Event -- MCC Levels 2 and 3

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

12:40 PM Diversity Symposium: Women in Sports -- MCC Mueller Theater

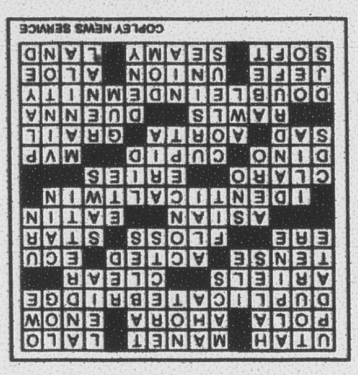
3:30 PM Softball at Penn State-Behrend

5:00 PM Relay for Life Meeting -- MCC 253

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: Bend It Like Beckham, 2002, England/Germany -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Dance Theatre -- Orr Auditorium

Last Week's Answers



Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Keep your financial expectations and expenditures at a reasonable level. Cut back or conserve wherever you can in an effort to lower your overhead.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have the final say on how you wish to live your life. Strive to overcome your insecurities and excel beyond your wildest dreams.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Take time to meditate and clear your mind of negative thoughts or limitations. Set your imagination free to dream the big dream.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Reach out to make friends with a variety of people from different walks or backgrounds. Do not allow them to change or defuse your personality.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Gather all the knowledge and experience you have gained thus far and apply it wisely. Make proper preparations for a major professional undertaking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): A gnawing problem or puzzle does have a reasonable or viable solution. Dig deep in order to uncover the truth and come to a place of resolution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): This would be an excellent time to put your money to work. Look for investment opportunities that will allow you to be involved and gain hands-on experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Close, personal relationships are highlighted this week. Set the stage for a meaningful and intense exchange with a significant other or your partner or mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A job assignment, task or chore becomes more complicated or challenging as it goes along. Take careful notes and document every step.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Games, like chess, that require mental focus will demand your attention. Look for a capable and worthy opponent to take you to task.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Nurture family and loved ones with extra special care this week. Cook up a couple of recipes to keep the home fires burning.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Postpone a difficult decision for as long as possible. Hold out until you have all the necessary facts or answers.

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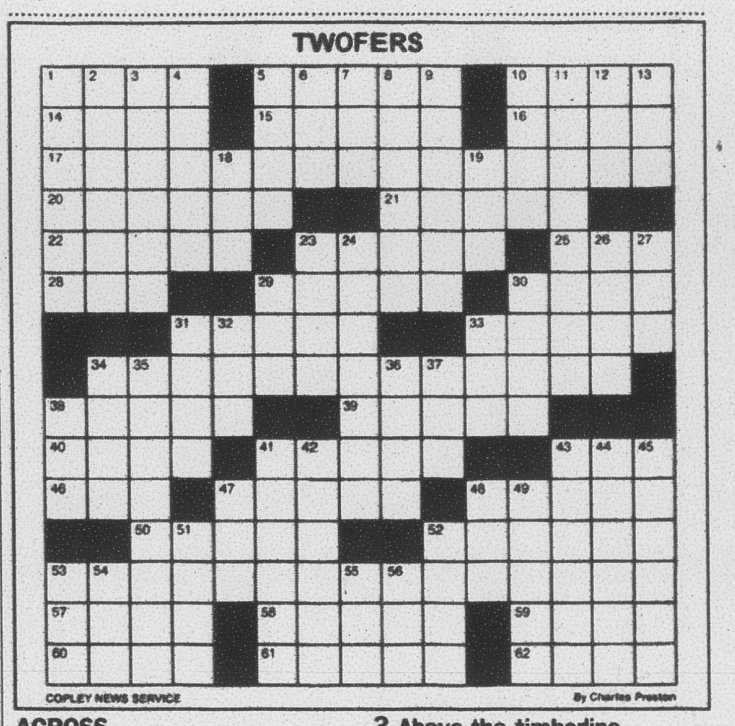

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39 Indian American tribe
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47 Major carrier
48 Last Supper cup
50 Lou, who sings the blues
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53 Stanwyck/MacMurray film classic
57 Big shot, in Sonora
58 Suit worn by Northern soldiers
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62 Big name in cameras

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3 Above the timberline
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8 Raises
9 Sets aside
10 Solo's love
11 1969 Indy winner
12 Trip account
13 Be committed
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23 Jai ___
24 Ad campaign start
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27 Tea party dispenser
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34 Pelvic bones
35 Some scurf
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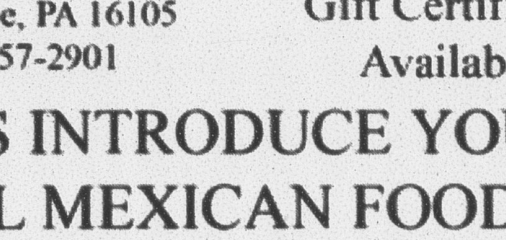

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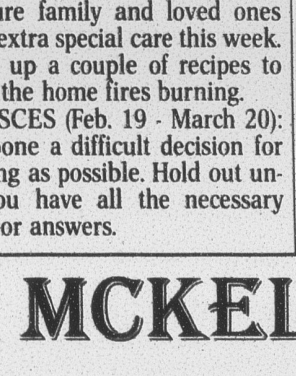

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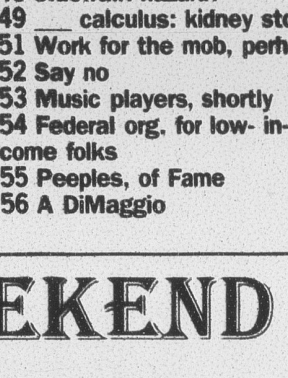

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Mar. 30 Lil' Sibs Weekend
Mar. 30 Titan's Tavern
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Fifteen days until Easter break

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

If I weren't leaving campus this weekend, I'd probably explode. At nine days, my surrounding environment has successfully beaten its own record at pushing me to my limits.

That's pretty impressive. I mean, I've got such a calm demeanor at all times.

It all started with assignments being due as soon as we got back. Sure, I had break to work on them. I also had break to make money to live on. Which would you have chosen?

I compromised and attempted to read for my classes (and yes, I worked on my monologue, Dr MacKenzie) because that is one of the more palatable aspects of my existence (and major). But while I'm gone, please lock me out of my network account. I don't need to access my N drive for anything, really.

When I return and fill out the appropriate documentation, don't worry about fixing that, either. I mean, it's not like I forgot to change the stupid password; clearly I received appropriate notification of the grace logins and everything.

Since it's all my fault, I'll continue to log in literally everywhere I go as *The Holcad*. I mean, any other student would be able to rectify the situation similarly if they were locked out and not assisted.

So, sure I'll redo assignments I've already started and/or completed since I can't access them. Because they're due, I'll make sure my work is done.

Just in time for scheduling emails to begin to appear in my inbox. If I weren't on top of my life, these would be annoying and I'd delete them, but since I am, the concept of classes I require to complete my studies overlapping is my frustration instead.

I'll bet some of you don't even know what I'm talking about. It's lucky you're pretty.

Or not.

Oh, and why doesn't everyone contacted for the purpose of putting together a functional *Holcad* forget to respond to us in time for publication. It's not like we do need cooperation from members of the campus to cover events they're involved in. Clearly, being a strong journalist has everything to do with fabricating content to fill pages of the paper because the information needed to do so is just floating in the dampened air outside.

I can't blame them entirely, though – after all, not being able to access email for three hours on Thursday afternoon never hurt anyone's ability to write, edit, or put a page together, especially when taking into consideration the simplicity of using computers without a power source.

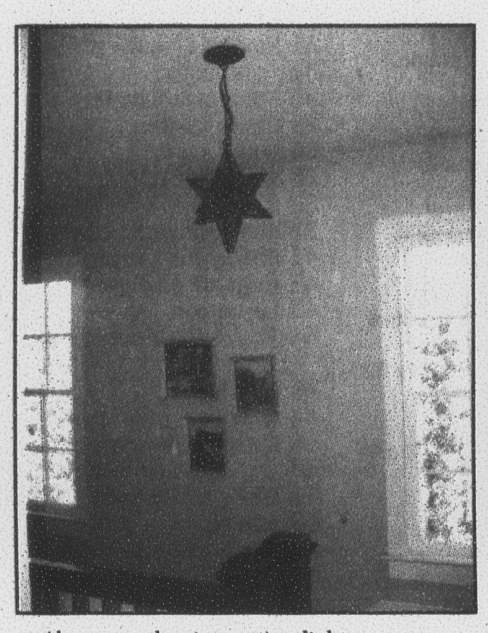
Oh, and you, the one who continues to "forget" to use tab stops.

Knock it off.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who warns against provoking her irascible temper in the next 24 hours.

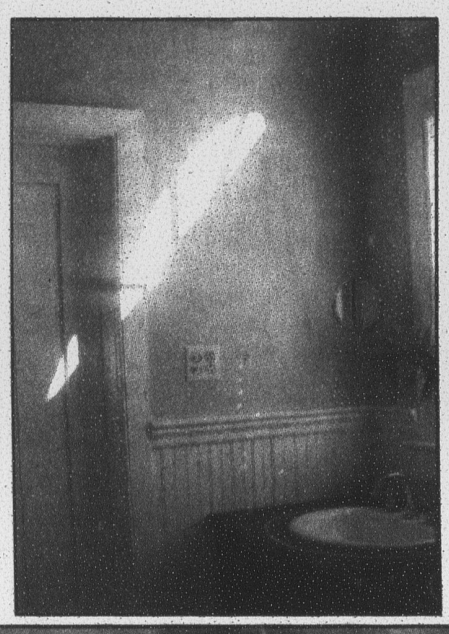
WC Cribs

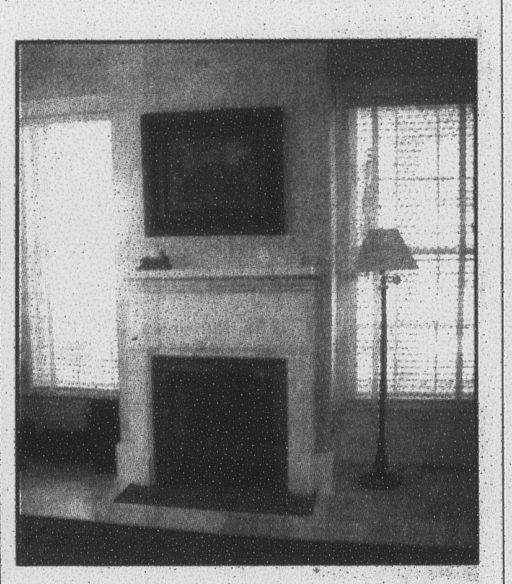
This week, Features editor Jenn Corkadel visits Wiley House with Alumni Relations



Above, another interesting light.

This fireplace, in a first floor office, is a beautiful focal point and complemented tastefully not only as shown in this photo, but throughout the rest of the room.



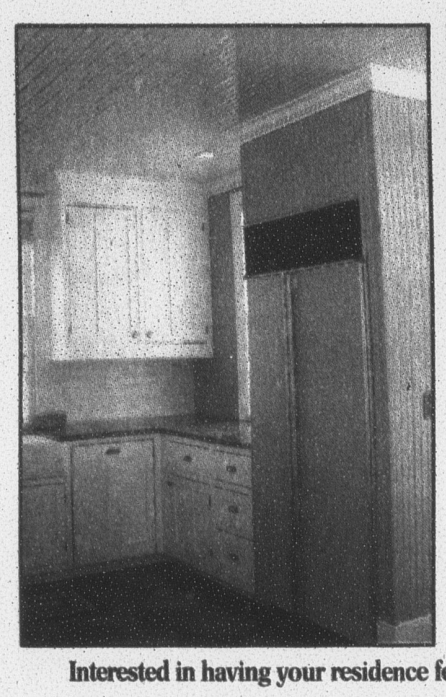


The lighting fixtures throughout the house are gorgeous.

At right, the upstairs bathroom has wonderful lighting from an arched window. The cabinets are painted attractively.

Below, to the right, the pointed ceiling painted sky-blue with clouds features modest recessed lighting

At left, the house features a fully-appointed kitchen where dinners are served to SAA members each semester. Can you spot the fridge and dishwasher?



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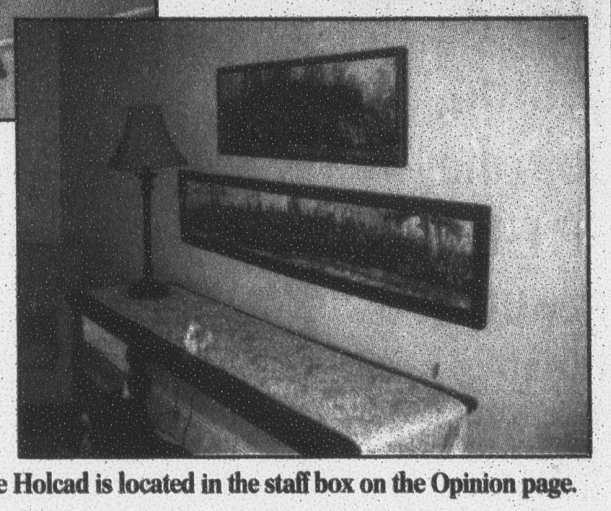

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Women's expected roles change with times

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"When heaven shall call her from this cloud of darkness, who from the sacred ashes of her honour shall star-like rise, as great in fame as she was, and so stand fix'd: peace, plenty, love, truth…" King Henry VIII (5.5.75372-6)

One hundred years ago this month, Thursday, March 14, 1907, the New Wilmington *Globe* ran a segment entitled "Woman Kind" containing subsections concerning women's behavior around the world and the current fashions and behaviors that women were to consider.

The segment ran a quote from the *London Chronicle* debating the value of woman doctors. One German professor, von Bergmann–a great German surgeon–had bitter words against female doctors:

"I am decidedly against women entering the profession," Bergmann said. "So long as women are unable to beat cooks and tailors at the vocations which women are apt to regard as their own specialties, so long will they be unable to compete successfully with men doctors…I have too high a regard for women to encourage them to become doctors."

For "stout girls" the *New York Press* advised the following tips:

"Let the stout girl pay particular attention to sitting and standing correctly. She needs to have perfect control of her waist and abdominal muscles. The figure will be wonderfully improved; even without the loss of flesh, if these muscles are held in their normal position. Do not allow them to become relaxed and flabby."

The *Newport Press* broached the question, can women continue to properly decorate while following the fad of driving automobiles?

"A woman may superintend the decoration of her home and yet be an expert devil-wagon driver," contended the *Newport Press*. "Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, who is an enthusiastic motorist, still finds an auto of less importance than the planning of an attractive dinner. At a recent dinner party she had upon the table the 'Winged Victory,' and a couple of other bits of statuary, which banked about by roses in great crimson masses and clumps of vivid green ferns, gave a beautiful effect."

In the same article, however, women could find liberating movements. One article told of a Norwegian town of 1500 citizens that has "a score of women managing progressive lines of business."

The town had a woman physician, justice of the peace, manager of a dry goods store, photographer, bank cashier, undertaker, and insurance agent. Rev. Caroline E. Angell practiced for 18 years as a pastor of the Universalist church at Norway.

Another article told of Sylvia Panhurst's pursuit for women suffrage in Britain:

"One of the suffering English 'suffragettes,' Miss Sylvia Panhurst, has been making fresh plans since she got out of jail. She is more determined than ever that women shall vote, and she is going to work also for prison reforms, which may be effected, she thinks, before women get the franchise."

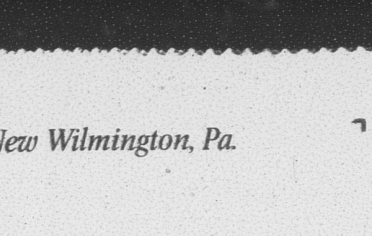
Panhurst told of her imprisonment experiences, which serves as a fitting allegory for women of that time:

"I shall always remember the color of the sky that day and the drifting clouds. Among the prisoners, I alone looked up; the others bent their eyes on the ground. Theirs was the walk of despair."

In just one hundred years' time, let's reflect on the star-like rise of women's emancipation.

"The transition that our immediate community has experienced over the past century shows the strive for equality that women continue to fight for," explains sophomore Veronica Geretz, treasurer of the Feminist Club–a new organization on campus. "We welcome those who appreciate this endeavor; [the feminist club] meets on Thursdays at 12:45 in the club room."

Is it just me? Is respect for our elders becoming a thing of the past?



Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

About two weeks ago I was walking inside a store and an older lady stopped and asked me a question. I don't really remember what the exact question was, but I do remember that my answer to it was, "Yes ma'am."

The look on her face when I said, "ma'am" was as if I said "DIE!" She immediately told me not to say ma'am to her, because it made her feel old (even though…she was kind of old) and it made it seem like she was superior to me racially.

That was something that I never thought of. All I know is that when I was growing up, if an adult spoke to me or my brother, our response was "yes/ no sir or yes/ no ma'am."

If not, we were definitely going to hear about it from our parents. It wasn't about any superiority that the older person had over us; it was simply a matter of respect.

Sometimes my family and I sit down and watch *Nanny 911*. This show displays a different family every week that has completely lost control of their children. The show invites a "Supernanny" to come into the home for a week or two in order to show the parents where they are going wrong and try to help them enforce the rules and to learn to gain the respect of their children.

That whole concept is pretty backwards. If a parent can't control their own kids, two weeks with a stranger is not going to make their problems go away.

But for the sake of this article, I'll go with it. My mom and I watched one show featuring a two parent home with three children. I don't remember the exact ages, but they were fairly young, all between three and ten.

In one word, the household was *pandemonium*! The children were fighting each other and calling names, but the thing that took the cake for me was the profanity. It was ridiculous.

The youngest was a little boy around three who cursed his mother out so badly that she started crying. Timeout: was this really going on, or was I "tripping?" (Yes, I had to use the word tripping in this case).

OK, Time-in: I just sat next to my mom thinking of what would have happened to me if I would have fixed my lips to curse her out. I can't say what would have happened in the paper because I don't want my parents to go to jail, but just know that I would have probably needed stitches afterward. (For those thinking it, no, I was not abused as a child).

The show went on with the older children also swearing and yelling at their parents. One of the older girls told her dad that he was an idiot and he just needed to shut up. I saw my mother's face turning a little red, and I realized that I should probably change the channel before *I* got told off for their bad behavior.

After watching that show I realized that as crazy as we thought it was, the behavior is not abnormal. I remember being in grocery stores at different times and watching little kids have full-out tantrums because they couldn't have a gumball.

In my years here, I've heard girls in their dorm rooms tell their parents "where they could go" and how stupid they were. And the most famous of all, one that I was convinced only happened in movies; "Mom, I hate you!"

What has happened to common respect? When did it become cool to talk to people like this, especially those who gave you life? I sometimes ask myself if I would be the same way if I hadn't grown up in the family that I did.

The truth is, respect starts as a child. If the child is not taught to respect adults and people during their impressionable ages, it will be very hard to enforce it when they get older.

It boggles my mind that children are taught to respect the law and authority, such as police, but can go home and talk to their parents like trash. There is no way in the world that a show like *Nanny 911* should even be in existence.

In my opinion, (and it's just my opinion) children are given too much. The law has limited parents and schools from disciplining kids. (Not abusing, but disciplining. There is a difference).

For a child to threaten calling Children Services on a parent trying to discipline them shows that children know that there are some forms of punishment that can't take place so they feel they can do what they want.

"It's my life," is something that I've heard said time and time again, because nowadays there is a freedom of everything. I'm not opposed to some forms of freedom, but with everything, there must be a balance. And to that comment, my dad would have said, "Without me, you would have no life!"

The world has gotten so wrapped up in free choice that I'm not sure if it can ever recover to gain one thing that is truly lacking in our society; respect.

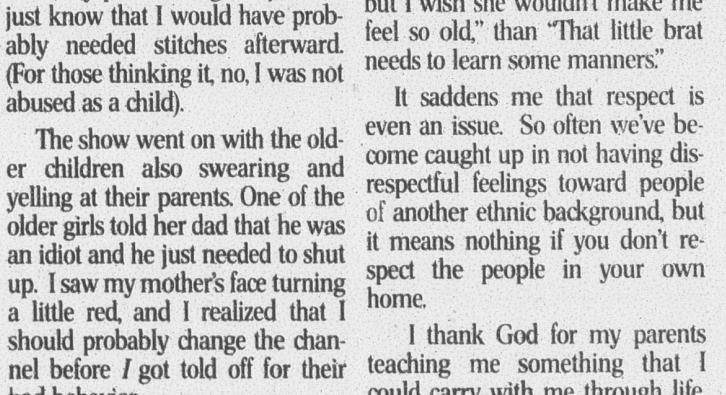
To any person who is older than me, or in an authority position, please don't hold it against me when I say "yes/no sir" or "yes/no ma'am." Understand that I say it as a form of respect because you deserve it (and my mama would kill me if I didn't).

I would much rather say "sir" and "ma'am" to you and have you thinking, "Wow, she so respectful, but I wish she wouldn't make me feel so old," than "That little brat needs to learn some manners."

It saddens me that respect is even an issue. So often we've become caught up in not having disrespectful feelings toward people of another ethnic background, but it means nothing if you don't respect the people in your own home.

I thank God for my parents teaching me something that I could carry with me through life, and maybe through this article help someone be just a little more careful when they are speaking to people. Hey, it could happen, or it could just be me.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.



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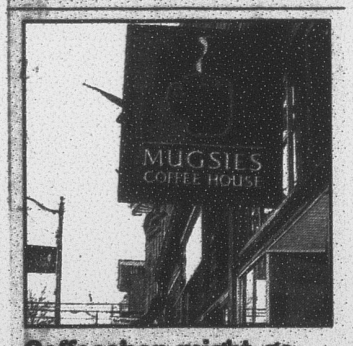

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Dance Theatre serves WC

By Amanda Conway
Campus writer

Dance Theatre members are putting on their dancing shoes for their annual performance this weekend.

This year's performance is predicted to be one of the best shows the college community has ever seen.

"It's really stressful now, because we are getting down to the wire, but I think that it is going to be better than it has in years," sophomore Zach Marsh said. "All the dances are amazing and they are all very different and unique."

The show will include many different dance styles from kick line, hip hop, ballet, jazz, tap and a style of dance that will be performed for the first time.

"This is the first year the performance has ever included a swing dance," sophomore Kelly Corbin said. "Having a partner adds new elements of challenge and creativity to choreographing a dance."

The entire show is coordinated by students at the college.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the students who want to choreograph a dance are asked to create part of the dance and hold auditions. Each dancer is allowed to perform in up to three dances and attend a weekly technique class. The choreographer chooses his or her dancers, and each group then practices all year to prepare for the show.

"The difference between being a choreographer and just being in a dance is that it's a lot more time consuming and it takes a lot of responsibility," sophomore Shayna Marti said. "But it's all worth it in the end when you see your dance finished for the first time and your dancers excited."

This year's show is different because there are nearly 100 dancers, making this the biggest class Dance Theatre has ever seen.

In fact, a fourth show was added because of the abundance of members.

Aside from all of the hard work that the dancers put in during the school year and the large time commitment it requires, dancers enjoy the experience.

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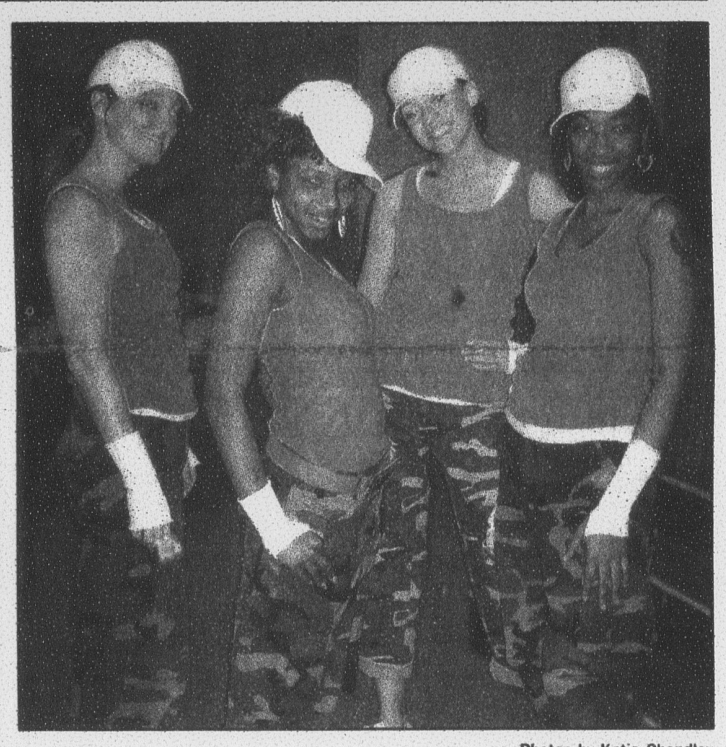

Photos by Katie Chandley

More than 100 students are participating in the annual Dance Theatre show. The show includes kicklines, hip hop, ballet, jazz, tap and, a new style for this year, swing.

Eicher to release new album at campus show

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Sophomore JD Eicher will release his second album on Friday, March 30 during a 10:00 p.m. Berlin Lounge performance.

The album, titled *Broken Mirrors and Microscopes*, will feature thirteen new tracks, all produced and written by Eicher. The songs embrace his well-known "acoustic alternative" style, while demonstrating his continued growth as a successful singer and songwriter.

"I hope the new album will show my fans how much I've grown, musically, from the last album," Eicher said.

Eicher's first album, *Wings to Fly*, was released in January of 2006 and contained a sound similar to that of well-known names such as John Mayer and Howie Day.

The first release helped Eicher to establish himself as a talented local artist and got people interested in his music.

Sophomore Catherine Bishop is both a friend of Eicher's and a fan of his music.

"I am excited for his new album to come out this weekend because I love listening to his music, and I am excited to have some new songs on my iPod," Bishop said.

The new album, engineered at Amber Wolf Studios in Akron, Ohio, was written based on everyday experiences and inspirations in Eicher's life. The album includes the song *White Lily* which Eicher considers it to be a "fan favorite," while the serene track *I'll Be Your Calm* is one of Eicher's personal favorites from the new album.

"It shows where I am right now and has a good sound," Eicher said.

Interestingly, Eicher's list of venues extends beyond the Berlin Student Lounge. He typically plays about fifteen shows per semester throughout Pennsylvania and the Youngstown, Ohio area.

Eicher says that it is sometimes tedious to be a full time student as well as an avid musician, but that it is always worth it.

"I could spend forever just playing guitar," Eicher said. "I like being a music artist more than anything because it is always fun and I learn a lot."

Eicher plans to continue his music career and is already busy writing songs for his next album.

In the near future, he plans to put together a band in order to add to his musical options.

For now, he is focused on Friday night's show and hopes there will be a solid turn out.

"He is a very talented musician and I am glad that he is on his way to success," Bishop said. "He is really pumped for the CD release and the show, and I know there will be an awesome turn out this weekend and that is definitely something that makes my heart smile."

Photo collage by Chelsea Boecker

Following the Friday night release, the album will also be available online through iTunes and CDBaby, and available on DigStation in April.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Yay! Rant 'n Raves has indeed returned!

Anberlin for Volleyrock! Yessss.

Shiny, let's be bad guys.

Dance Theatre show this weekend. Be there.

Spring has sprung!!

I wonder what the king is doing tonight...

Duct tape is my best friend.

Good times at the Octagon.

Why is LOST the best show ever?

Unicorn + Scrim + Chains = An Irishman's Dream.

Cookie dough at the FOPWOP? Yes, please.

Seriously, what's with the quiche instead of stir-fry?

Grocery store. You bring the CD player.

Galbreath for lunch? What?

Somebody's neck fell off!

We're the best 3-legged racers EVER!

'Cause I'm an expert in "nameiology."

Pink - it's like red, but not quite.

We got the whole place dancing. No, really!!!

The Ice King is an oxymoron.

That's not a delicious beverage...that's a KNIFE.

I AM a senior. Really. I am.

We got Thompson House. Ha. Suckers.

Ummm...I mopped.

Technicolor lover, sate my heart.

What happened to your van? Now it's a car.

We need new Holcad people. Apply...readygo.

Is ice skating EVER going to happen?

Don't forget to stretch before Walking for Fitness.

That's not a golf bag...it's a roadrunner.

Capstone taught me how to type.

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off your words at the McKelvey Information Desk!

Sex, God and terrorism

By Toby Mitchell
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Every year thousands of new students at the University of Michigan face a terrible choice. They can either keep the childhood faith that has given them consolation and meaning in the past or they can abandon it and join the world of mature, rational thinkers to whom religious belief is naive at best. This is more than a source of personal angst; the conflict between the secular modern world and traditional faiths is the engine of the world's bloodiest conflicts.

According to studies by the University of California at Los Angeles and Harvard Divinity School, only 10 percent of college students are atheists and a full 36 percent of professors at elite universities are. The data seem to suggest that intellectual refinement and faith are opposed. And the outlook of both committed atheists and religious fundamentalists gives little reason to doubt that.

On the one side is the atheist evangelism of scientists like Richard Dawkins, a biologist called "Darwin's bulldog" for his defense of evolution and attacks on faith. On the other side is the proud irrationalism of religious leaders. There doesn't look to be much room for compromise.

It wasn't always this way. In the early days of the Enlightenment, reason and religion coexisted in relative peace. But it didn't last. Educated people came to suspect that religion's pogroms, witch hunts and inquisitions exposed its morality as a sham. When today's college students go through the personal Enlightenment of adolescence, it's these ethnocentric atrocities they question first.

Are we really to believe that the children of Rwanda, murdered after witnessing their own parents hacked to death by machete, were sent to a Hell a thousand times worse? Are the millions of Chinese or Indians who died without ever hearing of Jesus now victims of torture more horrible than those of any human dictator simply because they were never Christians? Hitler would envy a God so cruel.

The same goes for the bigotry of many modern believers. Corrupt Republicans have pandered to anti-gay bigots, those twisted citizens who find justification in the Bible for their loathing of anyone with a sexual life less joyless than theirs. Yet when confronted, America's religious hypocrites claim they're the real victims of anti-religious prejudice. If this is religion, it's not surprising that many college students abandon faith for sex, drugs and rock'n'roll -- gods that, by contrast, actually make you feel good.

But what does a college education offer as a substitute? Science's answers seem more solid, but they give only explanations, not meanings. To paraphrase astronomer Sir Arthur Eddington, science brings no light to the cave -- it can only study the shadows on the walls. Meanwhile, attempts to practice science without morality have led to such modern wonders as atomic bombs and orbital-satellite-laser weapons.

The humanities are no better. Rather than being reduced to brain chemistry, religious experience is merely a product of culture and history. In extreme forms, this critique leads to the narcissism of "The Secret" or "The Da Vinci Code," where the suppressed secret of spirituality is actually some version of the insipid New Age maxim "you create your own reality."

Yes, your own ego is in fact God Almighty.

Perhaps the worst consequence of the split between religion and modernity is terrorism. As the brilliant American scholar Ken Wilber suggested, all modern terrorist groups, from American Protestant abortion-clinic bombers to Iraqi mujahedeen, are motivated by a feeling of grievance and hatred toward a modern world that offers no room for their ancient beliefs. Wilber argues the secular-religious conflict that college freshmen feel is the same conflict that has driven religious warfare for centuries.

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What the world desperately needs is a new understanding between reason and faith. First, religions need to cease their hostility towards modern life and grant the same legitimacy to forms of faith that honor modern science and tolerance that they grant to the beliefs of the ancients. Second, secular-modern authorities, including universities, need to acknowledge that the moral and spiritual core of religion could actually be valid on its own terms.

Without this mutual acceptance, we're doomed to a world where educated moderns mistake their own egos for God and religious believers pray for the modern world to be destroyed so God can return. This truce between faith and reason doesn't mean intellectuals need to give in to superstition or the faithful need to swear fealty to Mammon. After all, if there's one thing that both sides can agree on, it's that the modern world is hardly suffering from an overabundance of faith, hope, love and tolerance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Anthropological Study of Nacirema Subgroups

The Nainotgnimliwwen tribe is found in hilly land of a temperate climate, approximately 60 miles to the north of the convergence of the great three rivers. The tribe has faced economic difficulties throughout the years, losing many tradesmen and merchants, due to its isolation and inability to accept societal norms regardless of obviously destructive consequences.

The Naino (short for Nainotgnimliwwen) share the region with a more nomadic tribe known as the Natit. The Natit rarely stay in one place for more than four years, but, as a whole, they maintain a constant presence. While no major wars have occurred to date, the tribes' differing values have led to minor skirmishes in the past.

A contingent of rebellious Naino merchants has recently suggested reintroducing certain trade goods in an attempt to bring greater wealth to the tribe. Formerly banned from the territory by the Naino elders, many Natit have bartered with neighboring tribes for a steady supply of these trade goods. Regardless of the efforts of Naino elders, the Natit (and Nainotgnimliwwen) continue to bring the goods into the community. The Natit elders simply look the other way.

The Natit have recently become a bit uppity and suggested a democratic resolution. The deeply ingrained "morality" of the Naino tribe leads some to cry for war. While both belong to a confederation of tribes, the Naino believe that the Natit should not be permitted to have a say in this issue. They point to the nomadic nature of the Natit and their youthful ignorance as reasons for exclusion. Yet, by the laws of the confederation, the Natit have the option of requesting a democratic vote that will ultimately determine the future legality of the ceremonial goods. Ironically, the issue of Natit voting rights was never brought up before the Naino merchants suggested the change in inter-tribal law. Some Naino act in fear of defeat, even though the outcome of the resolution is far from determined (since both tribes have dissenting members).

The evidence suggests that the ongoing quarrel between the Natit and Naino can be avoided through open communication and hearty dialogue. Hopefully we can apply the lessons learned from the Natit and Naino to our own communities.

This anthropological study was made possible by Horace Miner and the Westminster College Inquiry Program.

Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling
Class of 2006

My opinion is better than yours

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Polarization is a pandemic in the public at present. Fun alliteration aside, the Us and Them mentality needs to go.

We are all one big global family, regardless of race, religion or gender. What we use to separate ourselves is purely our creation and has only as much weight as we give it.

That being said, we all have differences, and, as individuals, there are things about each and every one of us that make us wonderfully unique.

I have always felt that you should be able to do your own thing as long as you refrain from hurting people. Certain inalienable rights or something like that. But you should still contribute to society.

This means you, hippies.

I guess that's why I hate polarization so much. One side tells me how to live my life and the other is too engrossed in theirs to notice that I exist.

Recently a campus organization petitioned SLAC for recognition, and there were objections raised. I trust SGA to be objective in dealing with situations like these.

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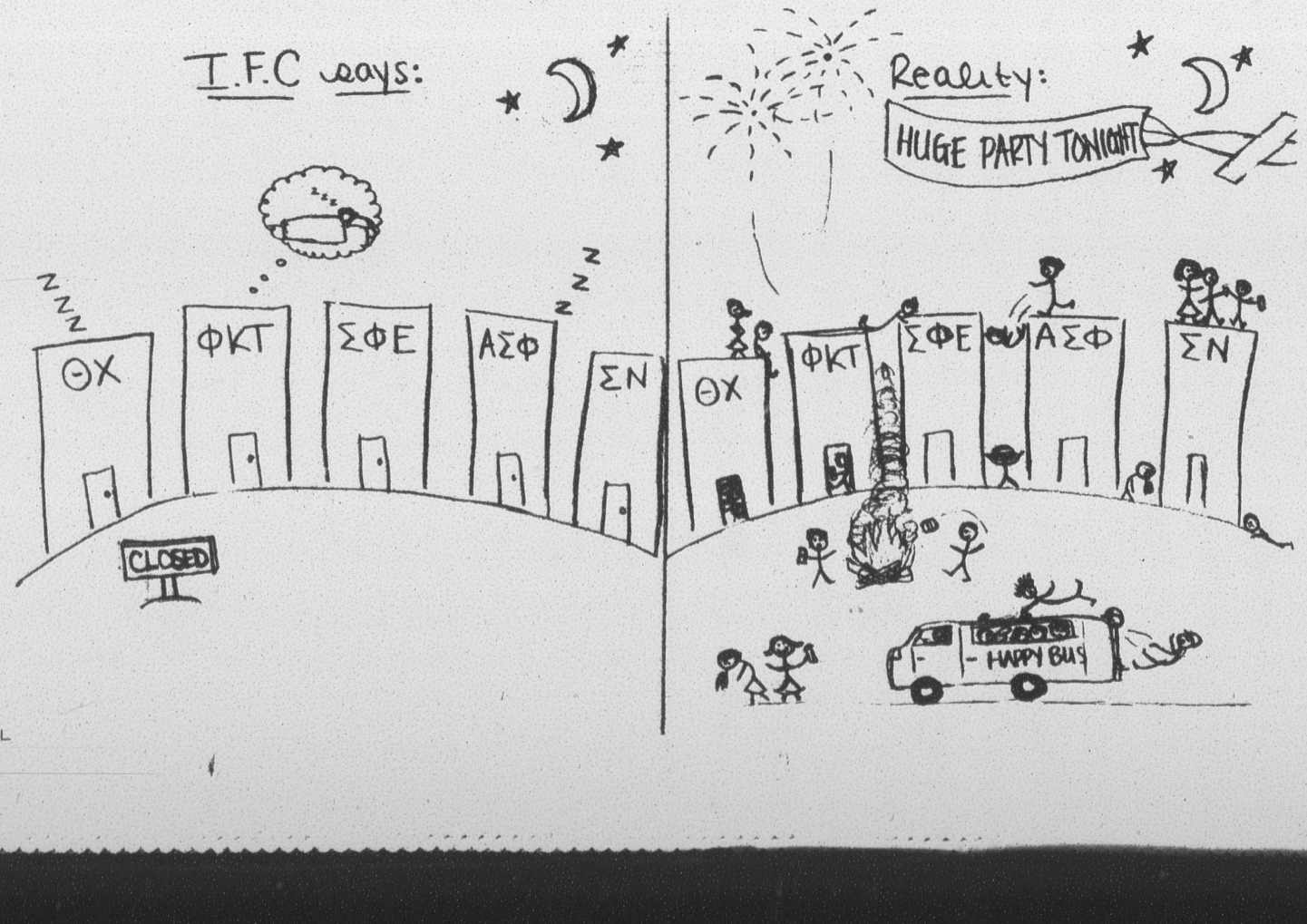

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A bullet struck Stelly in the head during a shootout in front of her home Sunday. Authorities said Stelly was killed trying to get her children out of the line of fire.

Neighbors turned out to remember Stelly, whom they knew affectionately as "Piggy," and a number of state and city representatives and mayoral candidate Tom Knox also attended the rally.

State Rep. Ronald Waters told the crowd that no amount of legislation could stem the city's surging murder rate without help from the community.

"We don't need police officers baby-sitting us, telling us not to pull weapons on one another. Common sense should tell us that," Waters said. "It's healing time in southwest Philadelphia, and we have to do this ourselves."

Sunday's shooting came less than two weeks after city officials announced plans to assign 80 additional officers in the area to combat violence.

Police on Tuesday charged Stelly's boyfriend, Rashiek High, 26, and her brother, Michael Stelly, 27, with her murder and issued an arrest warrant for a third suspect.

The arrests are encouraging, said Mary Geathers, 56, a block captain on South 56th Street, but the "no snitching" code that keeps residents from cooperating with police fosters an attitude in which crime is accepted over crime-fighting.

"One lady got killed, and we're going to keep having tragedies because they keep their mouths shut," she said of residents.

Investigators could always use more community help to identify suspects, said Capt. Ronald McClane, a detective on the case. He said rallies like the one Dixon organized could aid in making that happen.

"The more the community gets together, it makes it stronger. That's always a good thing," he said.

Stelly's four children are now in the care of their aunt, Shelley Myric. Donations to a fund created by State Sen. Anthony Williams and Citizens Bank to provide for their immediate needs can be made at any Citizens Bank.

Funeral services for Stelly will be held at Victory Christian Center Church, 5220 Whitby Ave., at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3.

Comcast CEO receives $27.8 million in 2006 compensation

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The chairman and chief executive of Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable television operator, received a 2006 compensation package valued by the company at $27.8 million, according to a proxy statement filed with federal regulators on Thursday.

Brian Roberts was given a salary of $2.5 million, a bonus of $3 million, incentive awards worth $8.4 million and other perks valued at $2.9 million, which included personal use of the company plane, contributions to retirement plans and payment of tax liabilities and insurance policies.

He also received above-market returns on deferred compensation of $407,624.

Roberts got stock options and restricted stock awards valued by the company at $10.6 million on the day they were granted, a Securities and Exchange Commission filing showed.

INTERNATIONAL

World Health Organization, UNAIDS advise heterosexual males to be circumcised

GENEVA (AP) - Heterosexual men should be circumcised because of compelling evidence it reduces their chances of contracting HIV by up to 60 percent, U.N. health agencies said Wednesday.

But men should still use condoms and other protection against the virus, said the World Health Organization and UNAIDS, the U.N. agency that coordinates the global fight against the AIDS virus.

"We must be clear," said Catherine Hankins, of UNAIDS. "Male circumcision does not provide complete protection against HIV."

Besides condoms, men and women should use protections such as abstinence, delaying the start of sexual activity and reducing the number of sexual partners, she said.

Otherwise, they could develop a false sense of security and engage in high-risk behavior that could undermine the partial protection provided by male circumcision, the agencies said.

Men also should be warned that they are at a higher risk of being infected with HIV if they resume sex before their circumcision wound has healed, which can take six weeks. Likewise, an HIV-positive man can more easily pass the disease to his partner if the wound has not healed. More study is needed to determine whether male circumcision will cut the transmission of HIV to women or reduce HIV infection in homosexual intercourse, the statement said.

"It probably does, but we don't have sufficient research now to confirm that," said Dr. Teguest Guermo of WHO. "We will be doing some more research on that."

The recommendations were based on a conference in which experts discussed three trials - in Kenya, Uganda and South Africa - that produced strong evidence of the risk reduction resulting from heterosexual male circumcision.

"Based on the evidence presented, which was considered to be compelling, experts attending the consultation recommended that male circumcision now be recognized as an additional important intervention to reduce the risk of heterosexually acquired HIV infection in men," a joint statement said.

WHO experts said the trials convinced them after 20 years of observations that circumcision reduces men's susceptibility to HIV infection partly because the cells in the foreskin of the penis are especially vulnerable to the virus.

The findings tied in with lower HIV rates in North and West African countries where circumcision has been widely practiced for religious or cultural reasons.

Much depends on the situation in a given country, and little general benefit will result in countries where the HIV epidemic is concentrated among intravenous drug users or men who have sex with men, the agencies said.

The public health impact is likely to be most rapid where there is a high rate of HIV infection among men having sex with women.

In those countries with low circumcision rates, health authorities should urgently consider making the procedure more widely available, the agencies said. Studies suggest male circumcision could prevent 5.7 million new cases of HIV infection and 3 million deaths over 20 years in sub-Saharan Africa, they said.

An estimated 665 million men, or 30 percent of men in the world, are circumcised, but the rate varies considerably from country to country, it said. The agencies said the risks involved in male circumcision are generally low, but can be serious if the operation is performed in unhygienic settings by poorly trained, ill-equipped health workers.

But with proper training, the operation can be performed safely under local anesthesia by "midlevel" health workers like nurses or clinical officers at a cost of $50 to $100 per person, WHO said.

Priority should be given to providing circumcision to age groups at highest risk of acquiring HIV because it will have the most immediate impact on the disease.

But, the statement said, circumcising younger males also will have a public health impact over the long term.

Susan Timberlake of UNAIDS stressed that women should know that there is no evidence that they will be protected from HIV if they have sex with a circumcised man.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Hermitage Acts Against Aggressive Drivers

Hermitage Police are cracking down on aggressive driving in that community. Extra police patrols took to the streets this week thanks to a program called "Smooth Operator." A federal grant allows Hermitage to put extra patrols on the road during busy traffic times to pull over speeders and red light runners. Some of those extra patrols are focused on East State Street from Sharon down to the Shenango Valley Mall.

Bedford Downs Developers Going To PA's Highest Court

Developers of the proposed Bedford Downs horse track and casino take their case to the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court next month. Developers want the high court to revisit a state harness racing commission decision that denied Bedford Downs a license. Bedford Downs developer Carmen Shick wants to build a $170 million dollar track and resort in Mahoning Township. While the high court cannot award a track license, developers hope the high court will force the racing commission to reconsider the matter.

Felasco Going Up For Parole

Ex-Lawrence County treasure and convicted felon Gary Felsco could get out of jail if things go his way when it come to a parole meeting next month. Felasco went to prison last August on a one to seven year sentence after his conviction of stealing more than $100,000 from county taxpayers. Because Felasco was convicted of a non-violent he could be considered for early parole– and only two of the nine-member state parole board would need to vote in his favor.

NATIONAL

Michigan student slain

Release of information in Eastern Michigan murder case probed

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - U.S. Department of Education investigators will review how Eastern Michigan University officials released information following the rape and murder of a coed on campus.

The review was announced in an e-mail to school President John Fallon and will cover the university's adherence to the Clery Act, The Ann Arbor News reported Thursday.

The federal law requires schools to make timely notification on crimes considered threats to students and employees. Failure to notify the campus community about such dangers can result in fines of up to $27,500.

Orange Taylor III, 20, is charged with murder and two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in the death of Laura Dickinson, 22. Her body was found Dec. 15 in her dormitory room. Friends last saw her alive three days earlier.

Investigatorswill examine the school's police operations, security report, crime policies and procedures. They will meet Tuesday with Fallon and his staff.

Security on Campus, Inc., a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization that monitors campus crime, requested the education department probe. University regents also commissioned Detroit law firm Butzel Long last week.

Al Gore to receive honorary Emmy award for Current TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Al Gore will receive an honorary International Emmy award recognizing his role in launching the interactive Current TV channel.

The International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences said this week that it will present the award to the former vice president in a Nov. 19 ceremony in New York.

The Founders Award is presented to a person or organization "which crosses cultural boundaries to touch our common humanity," academy president Bruce Paisner said in a statement.

"We in the media industry are honored that one of the world's leading political figures has joined our global community of broadcasters," Paisner said.

Gore co-founded Current TV in August 2005 for young, technologically savvy viewers. The cable network's programming consists of short documentaries and viewer-created content.

Current TV reaches about 40 million homes in the United States, and was introduced to another 10 million homes in Britain this month.

Political Pong: A Laughing Matter

Chip Hothem
Political Pong, blue team

Democrats! Liberals! At long last, we've come to power! Break out the joints and kiss those to your left–man or woman.

We must now win over the nation with our 50 state strategy: win every state, county, precinct. After that: children, farm animals, the unborn…maybe not the unborn…

We have the opportunity to save the lives of our soldiers! Even, at times, preventing their births in the first place!

Abortion! Human Rights! The time is now!

Convert our cars to new hovercrafts that run on regenerating natural resources like water, trees or stem cells.

The gun-toting, warmongering, deficit spending tyranny is over!

Celebrate! Get married - to whomever or whatever you wish. Democrat senators from Massachusetts are currently proposing legislation for human-animal matrimony and are receiving large support from liberal rural areas in Vermont and Upstate New York - areas with large segments of the population converting to liberalism, persuaded by Al Gore's warnings concerning a key global threat: sheep depletion.

Many democrats like Bill Clinton call to lessen selective wiretapping or tape-recordings, but they receive heavy opposition from fellow democrats, like Hillary.

Small business owners beware! Death to the bourgeoisie! Long live the proletariat!

In the 1990s, the democrats and liberals launched sexual education programs in grade schools - carry the well taught slogan, "Pull-out of Iraq!"

For those of you who don't anticipate the Conservative Political Action Conference as much as I do, you might've missed the fun-filled right-wing extravaganza in early March.

As one of the speakers, Grover Norquist taught a great strategy for remaining Republican members of Congress to carry out over the next two years.

Look, we all know that nothing good is coming out of this Congress…it is literally impossible.

So my buddy Grover recommends, or insists, that our side sticks together to get through this and answer every proposed bill with a firm "No."

They propose a bill, you say "no." Vote "no" every time, no matter how good the bill may seem.

Sounds easy enough, doesn't it? See, it's easy to be patriotic!

He actually had some great recommendations for what Republican members of Congress could do with their free time during the next two years.

Dan Prokop
Political Pong, red team

"Learn to golf," he proposed, or even belly dance!

And I have to agree. Anything to keep them from getting something accomplished that was proposed by a liberal.

Heck, it's stressful enough that they have to go to work five whole days in a row now, thanks to Pelosi and her gang of crazy terrorist-lovers.

Listen, this is what the terrorists want. The terrorists will win if members of our government get together to do work every Monday through Friday, discussing meaningless "solutions" to problems.

That just keeps them away from their families and, I don't know about you, but I'm a family man.

I'm pretty sure Republican members of Congress were actually getting a lot more done when they only had to work Tuesday through Thursday.

Who even works five whole days a week, anyways? Didn't we already abolish slavery?

Surely the rest of America stood behind Republicans like Sen. Pat Roberts when they voiced their disapproval of the atrocious five day work week.

And thank goodness for the new show on Fox News: "The ½ Hour News Hour." Finally, the Right has a show to dish out insults to whiny liberals.

Ahh, the humor we've been missing!

I can't believe there are still people in the media saying that satire is better left to the Left…isn't there enough liberal bias in the media?

The media allows no room for anyone with conservative values….you just don't see that anywhere.

Thanks to the left wing agenda, many conservative opinions go unheard.

Just once I would like to hear what they have to say: Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly, Neil Cavuto, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, Ann Coulter, Rush Limbaugh, Jerry Fallwell, Sean Hannity, Brit Hume, John Gibson and finally, Sean Hannity.

I just thank everyone at Fox for having the guts to put a satire on their 24 hour news station.

Now people around the world can get news, wit AND see how much we hate liberals all on one reliable, fair and balanced news network.

It's hard to fit all of my personal knowledge of truthiness into my only segment of Political Pong (Did my spell checker really just underline "truthiness?" How dare you, Microsoft Word!) And why am I only doing this in our April Fool's edition? Oh, well.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Yay! Rant 'n Raves has indeed returned!

Anberlin for Volleyrock! Yessss.

Shiny, let's be bad guys.

Dance Theatre show this weekend. Be there.

Spring has sprung!!

I wonder what the king is doing tonight...

Duct tape is my best friend.

Good times at the Octagon.

Why is LOST the best show ever?

Unicorn + Scrim + Chains = An Irishman's Dream.

Cookie dough at the FOPWOP? Yes, please.

Seriously, what's with the quiche instead of stir-fry?

Grocery store. You bring the CD player.

Galbreath for lunch? What?

Somebody's neck fell off!

We're the best 3-legged racers EVER!

'Cause I'm an expert in "nameiology."

Pink - it's like red, but not quite.

We got the whole place dancing. No, really!!!

The Ice King is an oxymoron.

That's not a delicious beverage...that's a KNIFE.

I AM a senior. Really. I am.

We got Thompson House. Ha. Suckers.

Ummm...I mopped.

Technicolor lover, sate my heart.

What happened to your van? Now it's a car.

We need new Holcad people. Apply...readygo.

Is ice skating EVER going to happen?

Don't forget to stretch before Walking for Fitness.

That's not a golf bag...it's a roadrunner.

Capstone taught me how to type.

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off your words at the McKelvey Information Desk!

Sex, God and terrorism

By Toby Mitchell
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Every year thousands of new students at the University of Michigan face a terrible choice. They can either keep the childhood faith that has given them consolation and meaning in the past or they can abandon it and join the world of mature, rational thinkers to whom religious belief is naive at best. This is more than a source of personal angst; the conflict between the secular modern world and traditional faiths is the engine of the world's bloodiest conflicts.

According to studies by the University of California at Los Angeles and Harvard Divinity School, only 10 percent of college students are atheists and a full 36 percent of professors at elite universities are. The data seem to suggest that intellectual refinement and faith are opposed. And the outlook of both committed atheists and religious fundamentalists gives little reason to doubt that.

On the one side is the atheist evangelism of scientists like Richard Dawkins, a biologist called "Darwin's bulldog" for his defense of evolution and attacks on faith. On the other side is the proud irrationalism of religious leaders. There doesn't look to be much room for compromise.

It wasn't always this way. In the early days of the Enlightenment, reason and religion coexisted in relative peace. But it didn't last. Educated people came to suspect that religion's pogroms, witch hunts and inquisitions exposed its morality as a sham. When today's college students go through the personal Enlightenment of adolescence, it's these ethnocentric atrocities they question first.

Are we really to believe that the children of Rwanda, murdered after witnessing their own parents hacked to death by machete, were sent to a Hell a thousand times worse? Are the millions of Chinese or Indians who died without ever hearing of Jesus now victims of torture more horrible than those of any human dictator simply because they were never Christians? Hitler would envy a God so cruel.

The same goes for the bigotry of many modern believers. Corrupt Republicans have pandered to anti-gay bigots, those twisted citizens who find justification in the Bible for their loathing of anyone with a sexual life less joyless than theirs. Yet when confronted, America's religious hypocrites claim they're the real victims of anti-religious prejudice. If this is religion, it's not surprising that many college students abandon faith for sex, drugs and rock'n'roll -- gods that, by contrast, actually make you feel good.

But what does a college education offer as a substitute? Science's answers seem more solid, but they give only explanations, not meanings. To paraphrase astronomer Sir Arthur Eddington, science brings no light to the cave -- it can only study the shadows on the walls. Meanwhile, attempts to practice science without morality have led to such modern wonders as atomic bombs and orbital-satellite-laser weapons.

The humanities are no better. Rather than being reduced to brain chemistry, religious experience is merely a product of culture and history. In extreme forms, this critique leads to the narcissism of "The Secret" or "The Da Vinci Code," where the suppressed secret of spirituality is actually some version of the insipid New Age maxim "you create your own reality."

Yes, your own ego is in fact God Almighty.

Perhaps the worst consequence of the split between religion and modernity is terrorism. As the brilliant American scholar Ken Wilber suggested, all modern terrorist groups, from American Protestant abortion-clinic bombers to Iraqi mujahedeen, are motivated by a feeling of grievance and hatred toward a modern world that offers no room for their ancient beliefs. Wilber argues the secular-religious conflict that college freshmen feel is the same conflict that has driven religious warfare for centuries.

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Without this mutual acceptance, we're doomed to a world where educated moderns mistake their own egos for God and religious believers pray for the modern world to be destroyed so God can return. This truce between faith and reason doesn't mean intellectuals need to give in to superstition or the faithful need to swear fealty to Mammon. After all, if there's one thing that both sides can agree on, it's that the modern world is hardly suffering from an overabundance of faith, hope, love and tolerance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Anthropological Study of Nacirema Subgroups

The Nainotgnimliwwen tribe is found in hilly land of a temperate climate, approximately 60 miles to the north of the convergence of the great three rivers. The tribe has faced economic difficulties throughout the years, losing many tradesmen and merchants, due to its isolation and inability to accept societal norms regardless of obviously destructive consequences.

The Naino (short for Nainotgnimliwwen) share the region with a more nomadic tribe known as the Natit. The Natit rarely stay in one place for more than four years, but, as a whole, they maintain a constant presence. While no major wars have occurred to date, the tribes' differing values have led to minor skirmishes in the past.

A contingent of rebellious Naino merchants has recently suggested reintroducing certain trade goods in an attempt to bring greater wealth to the tribe. Formerly banned from the territory by the Naino elders, many Natit have bartered with neighboring tribes for a steady supply of these trade goods. Regardless of the efforts of Naino elders, the Natit (and Nainotgnimliwwen) continue to bring the goods into the community. The Natit elders simply look the other way.

The Natit have recently become a bit uppity and suggested a democratic resolution. The deeply ingrained "morality" of the Naino tribe leads some to cry for war. While both belong to a confederation of tribes, the Naino believe that the Natit should not be permitted to have a say in this issue. They point to the nomadic nature of the Natit and their youthful ignorance as reasons for exclusion. Yet, by the laws of the confederation, the Natit have the option of requesting a democratic vote that will ultimately determine the future legality of the ceremonial goods. Ironically, the issue of Natit voting rights was never brought up before the Naino merchants suggested the change in inter-tribal law. Some Naino act in fear of defeat, even though the outcome of the resolution is far from determined (since both tribes have dissenting members).

The evidence suggests that the ongoing quarrel between the Natit and Naino can be avoided through open communication and hearty dialogue. Hopefully we can apply the lessons learned from the Natit and Naino to our own communities.

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Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling
Class of 2006

My opinion is better than yours

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Polarization is a pandemic in the public at present. Fun alliteration aside, the Us and Them mentality needs to go.

We are all one big global family, regardless of race, religion or gender. What we use to separate ourselves is purely our creation and has only as much weight as we give it.

That being said, we all have differences, and, as individuals, there are things about each and every one of us that make us wonderfully unique.

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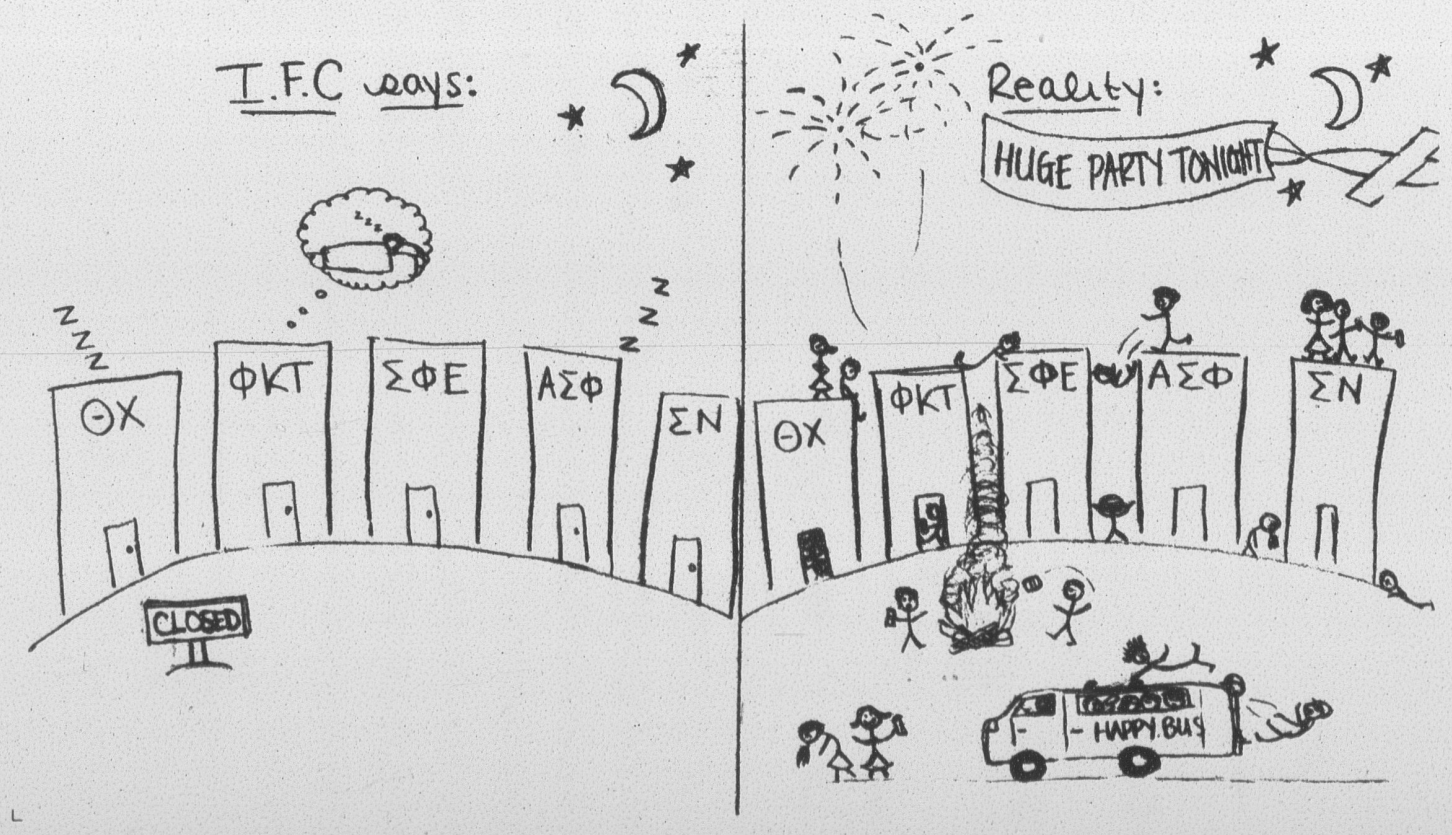

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"We're coming together so we can be heard about what we need in the community, and how elected officials can assist us in being peaceful," said organizer Stephanie Dixon, who has lived in the neighborhood for 39 years.

Dixon said she wanted the death of her friend, Jovonne Stelly, 28, to inspire the community to work together in finding ways to stop gun violence.

A bullet struck Stelly in the head during a shootout in front of her home Sunday. Authorities said Stelly was killed trying to get her children out of the line of fire.

Neighbors turned out to remember Stelly, whom they knew affectionately as "Piggy," and a number of state and city representatives and mayoral candidate Tom Knox also attended the rally.

State Rep. Ronald Waters told the crowd that no amount of legislation could stem the city's surging murder rate without help from the community.

"We don't need police officers baby-sitting us, telling us not to pull weapons on one another. Common sense should tell us that," Waters said. "It's healing time in southwest Philadelphia, and we have to do this ourselves."

Sunday's shooting came less than two weeks after city officials announced plans to assign 80 additional officers in the area to combat violence.

Police on Tuesday charged Stelly's boyfriend, Rashiek High, 26, and her brother, Michael Stelly, 27, with her murder and issued an arrest warrant for a third suspect.

The arrests are encouraging, said Mary Geathers, 56, a block captain on South 56th Street, but the "no snitching" code that keeps residents from cooperating with police fosters an attitude in which crime is accepted over crime-fighting.

"One lady got killed, and we're going to keep having tragedies because they keep their mouths shut," she said of residents.

Investigators could always use more community help to identify suspects, said Capt. Ronald McClane, a detective on the case. He said rallies like the one Dixon organized could aid in making that happen.

"The more the community gets together, it makes it stronger. That's always a good thing," he said.

Stelly's four children are now in the care of their aunt, Shelley Myric. Donations to a fund created by State Sen. Anthony Williams and Citizens Bank to provide for their immediate needs can be made at any Citizens Bank.

Funeral services for Stelly will be held at Victory Christian Center Church, 5220 Whitby Ave., at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3.

Comcast CEO receives $27.8 million in 2006 compensation

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The chairman and chief executive of Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable television operator, received a 2006 compensation package valued by the company at $27.8 million, according to a proxy statement filed with federal regulators on Thursday.

Brian Roberts was given a salary of $2.5 million, a bonus of $3 million, incentive awards worth $8.4 million and other perks valued at $2.9 million, which included personal use of the company plane, contributions to retirement plans and payment of tax liabilities and insurance policies.

He also received above-market returns on deferred compensation of $407,624.

Roberts got stock options and restricted stock awards valued by the company at $10.6 million on the day they were granted, a Securities and Exchange Commission filing showed.

INTERNATIONAL

World Health Organization, UNAIDS advise heterosexual males to be circumcised

GENEVA (AP) - Heterosexual men should be circumcised because of compelling evidence it reduces their chances of contracting HIV by up to 60 percent, U.N. health agencies said Wednesday.

But men should still use condoms and other protection against the virus, said the World Health Organization and UNAIDS, the U.N. agency that coordinates the global fight against the AIDS virus.

"We must be clear," said Catherine Hankins, of UNAIDS. "Male circumcision does not provide complete protection against HIV."

Besides condoms, men and women should use protections such as abstinence, delaying the start of sexual activity and reducing the number of sexual partners, she said.

Otherwise, they could develop a false sense of security and engage in high-risk behavior that could undermine the partial protection provided by male circumcision, the agencies said.

Men also should be warned that they are at a higher risk of being infected with HIV if they resume sex before their circumcision wound has healed, which can take six weeks. Likewise, an HIV-positive man can more easily pass the disease to his partner if the wound has not healed. More study is needed to determine whether male circumcision will cut the transmission of HIV to women or reduce HIV infection in homosexual intercourse, the statement said.

"It probably does, but we don't have sufficient research now to confirm that," said Dr. Teguest Guermo of WHO. "We will be doing some more research on that."

The recommendations were based on a conference in which experts discussed three trials - in Kenya, Uganda and South Africa - that produced strong evidence of the risk reduction resulting from heterosexual male circumcision.

"Based on the evidence presented, which was considered to be compelling, experts attending the consultation recommended that male circumcision now be recognized as an additional important intervention to reduce the risk of heterosexually acquired HIV infection in men," a joint statement said.

WHO experts said the trials convinced them after 20 years of observations that circumcision reduces men's susceptibility to HIV infection partly because the cells in the foreskin of the penis are especially vulnerable to the virus.

The findings tied in with lower HIV rates in North and West African countries where circumcision has been widely practiced for religious or cultural reasons.

Much depends on the situation in a given country, and little general benefit will result in countries where the HIV epidemic is concentrated among intravenous drug users or men who have sex with men, the agencies said.

The public health impact is likely to be most rapid where there is a high rate of HIV infection among men having sex with women.

In those countries with low circumcision rates, health authorities should urgently consider making the procedure more widely available, the agencies said. Studies suggest male circumcision could prevent 5.7 million new cases of HIV infection and 3 million deaths over 20 years in sub-Saharan Africa, they said.

An estimated 665 million men, or 30 percent of men in the world, are circumcised, but the rate varies considerably from country to country, it said. The agencies said the risks involved in male circumcision are generally low, but can be serious if the operation is performed in unhygienic settings by poorly trained, ill-equipped health workers.

But with proper training, the operation can be performed safely under local anesthesia by "midlevel" health workers like nurses or clinical officers at a cost of $50 to $100 per person, WHO said.

Priority should be given to providing circumcision to age groups at highest risk of acquiring HIV because it will have the most immediate impact on the disease.

But, the statement said, circumcising younger males also will have a public health impact over the long term.

Susan Timberlake of UNAIDS stressed that women should know that there is no evidence that they will be protected from HIV if they have sex with a circumcised man.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Hermitage Acts Against Aggressive Drivers

Hermitage Police are cracking down on aggressive driving in that community. Extra police patrols took to the streets this week thanks to a program called "Smooth Operator." A federal grant allows Hermitage to put extra patrols on the road during busy traffic times to pull over speeders and red light runners. Some of those extra patrols are focused on East State Street from Sharon down to the Shenango Valley Mall.

Bedford Downs Developers Going To PA's Highest Court

Developers of the proposed Bedford Downs horse track and casino take their case to the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court next month. Developers want the high court to revisit a state harness racing commission decision that denied Bedford Downs a license. Bedford Downs developer Carmen Shick wants to build a $170 million dollar track and resort in Mahoning Township. While the high court cannot award a track license, developers hope the high court will force the racing commission to reconsider the matter.

Felasco Going Up For Parole

Ex-Lawrence County treasure and convicted felon Gary Felsco could get out of jail if things go his way when it come to a parole meeting next month. Felasco went to prison last August on a one to seven year sentence after his conviction of stealing more than $100,000 from county taxpayers. Because Felasco was convicted of a non-violent he could be considered for early parole– and only two of the nine-member state parole board would need to vote in his favor.

NATIONAL

Michigan student slain

Release of information in Eastern Michigan murder case probed

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - U.S. Department of Education investigators will review how Eastern Michigan University officials released information following the rape and murder of a coed on campus.

The review was announced in an e-mail to school President John Fallon and will cover the university's adherence to the Clery Act, The Ann Arbor News reported Thursday.

The federal law requires schools to make timely notification on crimes considered threats to students and employees. Failure to notify the campus community about such dangers can result in fines of up to $27,500.

Orange Taylor III, 20, is charged with murder and two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in the death of Laura Dickinson, 22. Her body was found Dec. 15 in her dormitory room. Friends last saw her alive three days earlier.

Investigatorswill examine the school's police operations, security report, crime policies and procedures. They will meet Tuesday with Fallon and his staff.

Security on Campus, Inc., a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization that monitors campus crime, requested the education department probe. University regents also commissioned Detroit law firm Butzel Long last week.

Al Gore to receive honorary Emmy award for Current TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Al Gore will receive an honorary International Emmy award recognizing his role in launching the interactive Current TV channel.

The International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences said this week that it will present the award to the former vice president in a Nov. 19 ceremony in New York.

The Founders Award is presented to a person or organization "which crosses cultural boundaries to touch our common humanity," academy president Bruce Paisner said in a statement.

"We in the media industry are honored that one of the world's leading political figures has joined our global community of broadcasters," Paisner said.

Gore co-founded Current TV in August 2005 for young, technologically savvy viewers. The cable network's programming consists of short documentaries and viewer-created content.

Current TV reaches about 40 million homes in the United States, and was introduced to another 10 million homes in Britain this month.

Political Pong: A Laughing Matter

Chip Hothem
Political Pong, blue team

Democrats! Liberals! At long last, we've come to power! Break out the joints and kiss those to your left–man or woman.

We must now win over the nation with our 50 state strategy: win every state, county, precinct. After that: children, farm animals, the unborn…maybe not the unborn…

We have the opportunity to save the lives of our soldiers! Even, at times, preventing their births in the first place!

Abortion! Human Rights! The time is now!

Convert our cars to new hovercrafts that run on regenerating natural resources like water, trees or stem cells.

The gun-toting, warmongering, deficit spending tyranny is over!

Celebrate! Get married - to whomever or whatever you wish. Democrat senators from Massachusetts are currently proposing legislation for human-animal matrimony and are receiving large support from liberal rural areas in Vermont and Upstate New York - areas with large segments of the population converting to liberalism, persuaded by Al Gore's warnings concerning a key global threat: sheep depletion.

Many democrats like Bill Clinton call to lessen selective wiretapping or tape-recordings, but they receive heavy opposition from fellow democrats, like Hillary.

Small business owners beware! Death to the bourgeoisie! Long live the proletariat!

In the 1990s, the democrats and liberals launched sexual education programs in grade schools - carry the well taught slogan, "Pull-out of Iraq!"

For those of you who don't anticipate the Conservative Political Action Conference as much as I do, you might've missed the fun-filled right-wing extravaganza in early March.

As one of the speakers, Grover Norquist taught a great strategy for remaining Republican members of Congress to carry out over the next two years.

Look, we all know that nothing good is coming out of this Congress…it is literally impossible.

So my buddy Grover recommends, or insists, that our side sticks together to get through this and answer every proposed bill with a firm "No."

They propose a bill, you say "no." Vote "no" every time, no matter how good the bill may seem.

Sounds easy enough, doesn't it? See, it's easy to be patriotic!

He actually had some great recommendations for what Republican members of Congress could do with their free time during the next two years.

Dan Prokop
Political Pong, red team

"Learn to golf," he proposed, or even belly dance!

And I have to agree. Anything to keep them from getting something accomplished that was proposed by a liberal.

Heck, it's stressful enough that they have to go to work five whole days in a row now, thanks to Pelosi and her gang of crazy terrorist-lovers.

Listen, this is what the terrorists want. The terrorists will win if members of our government get together to do work every Monday through Friday, discussing meaningless "solutions" to problems.

That just keeps them away from their families and, I don't know about you, but I'm a family man.

I'm pretty sure Republican members of Congress were actually getting a lot more done when they only had to work Tuesday through Thursday.

Who even works five whole days a week, anyways? Didn't we already abolish slavery?

Surely the rest of America stood behind Republicans like Sen. Pat Roberts when they voiced their disapproval of the atrocious five day work week.

And thank goodness for the new show on Fox News: "The ½ Hour News Hour." Finally, the Right has a show to dish out insults to whiny liberals.

Ahh, the humor we've been missing!

I can't believe there are still people in the media saying that satire is better left to the Left…isn't there enough liberal bias in the media?

The media allows no room for anyone with conservative values…you just don't see that anywhere.

Thanks to the left wing agenda, many conservative opinions go unheard.

Just once I would like to hear what they have to say: Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly, Neil Cavuto, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, Ann Coulter, Rush Limbaugh, Jerry Fallwell, Sean Hannity, Brit Hume, John Gibson and finally, Sean Hannity.

I just thank everyone at Fox for having the guts to put a satire on their 24 hour news station.

Now people around the world can get news, wit AND see how much we hate liberals all on one reliable, fair and balanced news network.

It's hard to fit all of my personal knowledge of truthiness into my only segment of Political Pong (Did my spell checker really just underline "truthiness?" How dare you, Microsoft Word!) And why am I only doing this in our April Fool's edition? Oh, well.

Campus News

Popular coffeeshop might be sold

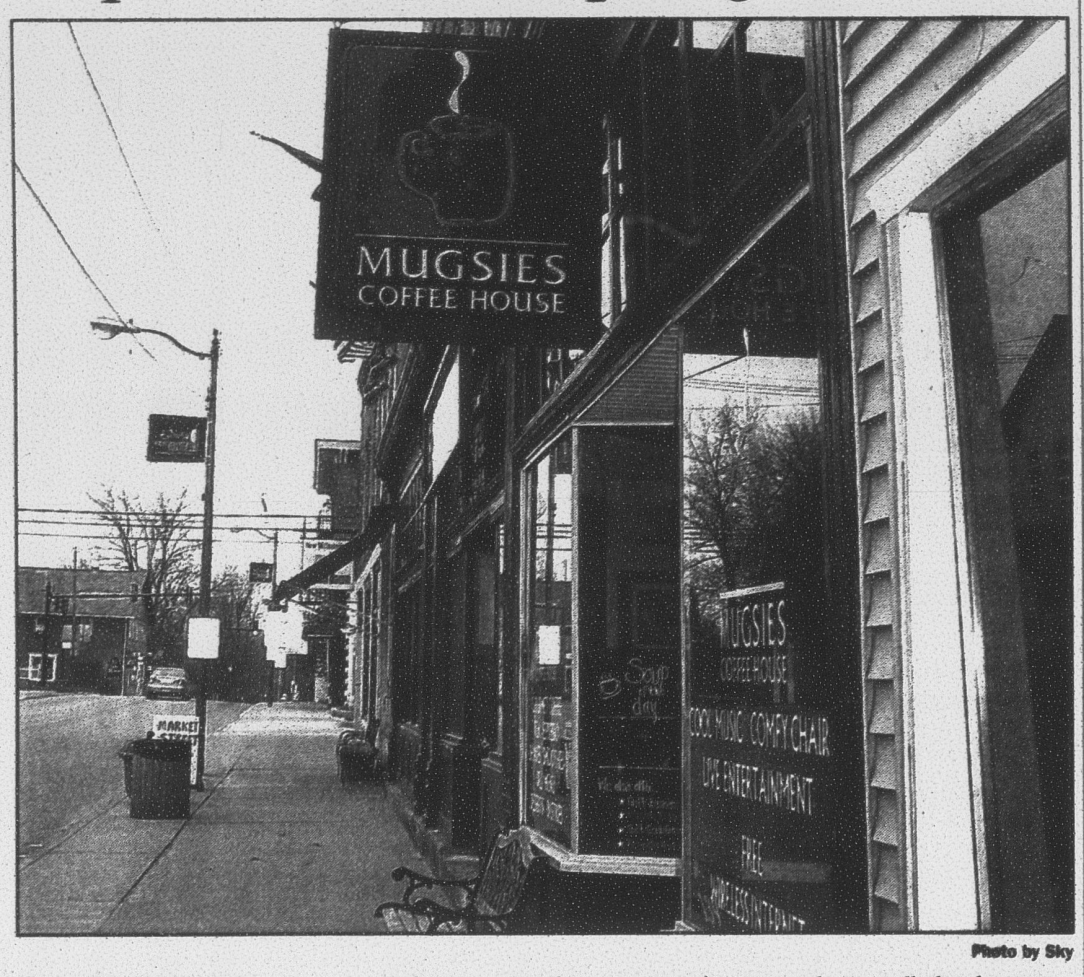

Photo by Sky

By Melissa Murphy
Campus writer

Mugsies Coffeehouse has become a popular destination for caffeine-seeking college students since it opened in 2003.

Mugsies, owned by Karen, Bo, Ralph and Rose DiMuccio, offers an array of foods and drinks to customers - including wraps, iced drinks and specialty drinks.

But recently rumors have been flying around of a possible transfer of ownership of the coffeehouse, which has been causing quite a stir in the coffee-drinker world.

"When you think coffee, you think Mugsies," said sophomore Alyson Kieffer. "I can't imagine New Wilmington without it."

Although not his primary job, co-owner Bo DiMuccio said that one of the reasons he is in the business is because he enjoys it. While students may be concerned, DiMuccio said that as far as the possible sale of Mugsies goes, nothing is set in stone for now.

"We love it, we love the place, we love what we do, but we've more seriously entertained the idea of selling recently because of personal reasons," DiMuccio said. "But nothing is official."

Nevertheless, this still adds to more speculation and questions of whether or not Mugsies will remain a coffeehouse at all.

DiMuccio believes that a change is unlikely, adding that Mugsies is a "turn-key business."

"We don't advertise, we open the door and business just walks in," DiMuccio said.

Employee Diana Peet believes that Mugsies will remain a coffeehouse.

"It would be crazy to try to change it to anything else because it has great business right now," Peet said. "It really has become a town staple and it is almost like an extension of the college itself."

Famed for its "Mugshots" free drink card, Mugsies has given away more than eight thousand drinks to date. It has also hosted many local bands, which adds to its appeal.

"I like the atmosphere," sophomore Jennifer Pallone said, "It's very relaxing to just go and have coffee with a few friends."

This appreciation does not go unrecognized.

"Almost every day, people come in and say, 'thank you' for what you do," DiMuccio said.

For now, customers can expect Mugsies to operate as usual, opening every day just in time to help jump-start sleepy college students.

For further information about Mugsies, check out their website at www.mugsies.com.

Symposium informs community about women in healthcare; medical issues

By Mandie Zoller
Campus writer

Dr. Valerie Gilchrist spoke on Monday, March 26 in Mueller Theater about the topic "Images of Women: A View from Medicine."

Gilchrist is the chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. The symposium concentrated on medical issues for women and women in medicine.

"The theme [of the symposium] is that things have changed in the last 25 years," Gilchrist said. "And some things have remained the same."

Gilchrist was the opening speaker for the 25th anniversary of the first women's symposium on campus. According to Dr. Barbara Faires, professor of mathematics, Gilchrist spoke on some of the same issues 25 years ago on campus.

Gilchrist discussed some of the advances women have made in the medical field since the 1960s. She expressed how studies have shown that women in medicine tend to spend more time with their patients. Also, Gilchrist spoke about the pay for women in the medical field, which is only 60 to 80 percent of what males are making.

According to Gilchrist, women in practice are still dealing with professional harassment in their career. Both colleagues and patients alike are causing 75% of harassment toward women in the workplace.

"I thought the symposium was very interesting for women," sophomore Rachael Conn said. "I learned a lot about women in healthcare and healthcare issues from women that I knew little about."

Gilchrist also spoke on issues that affect women: heart disease, cancer, obesity, domestic violence and abortion. According to Gilchrist, one in three women will suffer from heart disease in their lifetime. The second leading cause of death is lung cancer due to smoking. Gilchrist suggested that most women smoke to lose weight.

"Rates of obesity are huge in the country and are continually increasing," Gilchrist said. "Women are using smoking as a form of anorexia."

Another issue women face is domestic violence. According to Gilchrist, three women are murdered daily by their romantic partner and there are over three million assaults annually.

"I think it's all important for us to know, especially for women." Faires said, "Also for men because they have wives, sisters, and mothers."

Lastly, Gilchrist talked about abortion. She suggested that women should really focus on talking to others about abortion to keep everyone absorbed in the issue.

Faires coordinated the lecture, which successfully attracted an audience of about 55, including students, teachers and community members.

Professor compares tombstones

By Lindsey Townsend
Campus writer

While most people consider death as a solemn or morbid subject, Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow has focused her work around it, visiting cemeteries and the resting places of many loved ones.

Dr. Kitzerow, professor of sociology and political science, has completed her presentation on "Personalizing Death."

Her work encompasses the study of tombstones of the past 50 years in Somerset County, Pa. and Santa Fe, N.M. In her study, Dr. Kitzerow examined the differences of the two cemeteries and how death is personalized differently, as well as the basic symbols that she discovered relating to the tombstones of the deceased.

"Looking at tombstones allows us to see how people implement their values," she said. "In choosing what will be a permanent marker of a death, values are revealed and put forth as a statement of a life."

In Dr. Kitzerow's findings, she discovered that various forms of decoration are used in order to symbolize the personality of the deceased. These symbols were different in the two areas that she examined.

In Somerset County, an apparent wilderness theme seemed to be popular; graves are decorated with wild animals as well as domestic ones. Of these animals, the deer is the most popular animal to show up at grave sites.

However, Santa Fe tombstones lack the lavish and funding for beautiful headstone pieces. Instead, a religious theme takes place within the cemetery at which Dr. Kitzerow performed her study.

"Culture personalizes the decoration of the headstone usually," she said. "However, to have the deceased's marriage displayed on their tombstone is quite common in both areas."

Junior Sharon Englert, a student of Dr. Kitzerow, has high hopes for this discussion, describing her professor with utmost respect.

"She treats me more like a person than a student and she's a very personable professor," she said. "You don't hear much from this area due to the depressive nature of the topic, but I'm sure that didn't stop her."

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Campus News

Honorary announces new members for 2007-2008

By Tom Benoit
Campus writer

Mortarboard has announced its new members for next year.

These new members include the following people: Ashley Linnelli, Nicole Piszczor, Ashley Boucek, Kerry Flaherty, Carsen Nesbitt, Brett Turk, Amy Thomas, Elise Woomer, Jessica Wiedmann, Mallory Strickland, Heather Lorigan, Lynn Elliot, Dana Larsen, Jonathan Nickel, Darcee Davidson, JP Scanga, Thokozani Mbewe, Stephanie Peters, Anna Wellek, Mallory Waid, Louis Simeone, Kelly Altemose, Rachel Burkot, Emilee Ackerann, Lois Tolvinski, John Gilliland, Andrew Miller, Julie Tvaruzek, Chris Stone, Jack Marti and Amber Kunder.

Lee Scott, an officer of Mortarboard, explained how people are chosen for the honor society.

"The chapter has recognized members for their superior leadership, scholarship and service to their community for over 50 years on this campus," Scott said.

The members are picked from the top 35 percent of the junior class. Then, Mortarboard votes on those people and decides who will get in and who will not. All of the people in the top percentile are eligible, even if they have not completed the form showing interest in the honor society.

The society also cooperates with other honor societies on campus.

"Mortarboard also works with other honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa to further the aims of leadership, scholarship and service," Scott said.

The society has yearly philanthropies. These programs are community outreach programs that benefit the campus as well as the town of New Wilmington.

The members host Turkey Day, where a member of the campus staff is picked by the students to dress up as a turkey, as well as read to the preschool children in Hoyt.

Dance

Dance Theatre rocks

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"I think I've made a lot more friends from being a part of it, and I think that's the biggest thing that I am going to take away from it overall," Marsh said.

Students at the college are also looking forward to the show.

"I really can't imagine how they can top last year's show," sophomore Gwen Gorski said. "I might go to all four shows!"

Admission is $1 for all Westminster students, and tickets are available at the performances.

Show times are Thursday, March 29 and Friday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

Anberlin to headline VolleyROCK

By Cory Baker
Campus writer

It is almost that time of the year again to set, spike and rock and roll.

SGA's sponsored VolleyROCK is just around the corner, and this year in addition to looking forward to an all-day volleyball tournament, students can look forward to listening to their handpicked band the night before.

In previous years, it was a surprise as to who played at the concert on Friday night. This year things are going to be a little different.

Students received an email from Elena Infante, vice president of SGA. In the email, she listed the possible bands that students could vote on to play at VolleyROCK. Students voted between Anberlin, Head Automatica, The Mooney Suzuki, Butch Walker and Dredg.

"Anberlin was chosen to play by the student body," Infante said.

Anberlin got their start in Winter Haven, Fla. The five-person band includes Stephen Christian (vocals), Nathan Young (drums), Deon Rexroat (bass guitarist) and Nathan Strayer and Joseph Milligan (guitarists). They have opened for many bands such as Fall Out Boy, My Chemical Romance, Yellowcard and Hawthorne Heights. They released their first album titled *Blueprints for the Black Market* in 2003. Anberlin plays rock and alternative music.

"I have a couple of their CDs," sophomore Charlie Bigelow said. "I can't wait to hear them play."

Local band IOR will be opening for Anberlin. Two of the band members, sophomore Chris Lehberger and junior Jack Marti, are Westminster students.

"We have opened for bands such as The Clarks, Tokyo Rose, The Myriad, Edison Glass and Olivia the Band," Marti said.

In addition to Anberlin, students will also enjoy performances by JD Eicher and Nikky Douglas.

Eicher and Douglas have both performed various times for the college. Eicher has opened for various bands including Skinny, a Cleveland-based band. Douglas has sung for numerous campus events including Dance Theatre and the BSU fashion show.

Anberlin has a couple of Web sites that give more information about the band. Each includes links to listen to their music, access to their fan page, tour dates, ring tones and contact information. The Web sites are www.anberlin.com and www.myspace.com/anberlin.

Anberlin was chosen by Infante from a long list of bands that she contacted about playing for the event. Her decision was based on what the college could afford.

"Anberlin was in our price range for bands," Infante said.

The concert is scheduled for Friday, May 4 in Anderson Amphitheater. Anberlin is scheduled to perform at 9 p.m., and the opening bands will start approximately an hour and a half before. Anberlin will have merchandise for sale at the concert.

The cost for the tickets will be included in the VolleyROCK entry fee. For students not participating in the VolleyROCK tournament, the cost will be $5, and for students who do not attend Westminster, admission will be $10.

SIFE wins regional competition

17 students present accomplishments of organization in Chicago

By Akesha Joseph
Staff writer

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) worked hard throughout the year to put Westminster College on the map as champions.

The group competed against a variety of prestigious universities and colleges from the region at SIFE's regional competition.

On March 18 and 19, students traveled to Chicago to present the accomplishments of the organization at the McCormick Convention Center.

Throughout the semester, SIFE has been working diligently to educate the campus and the community in business and financial matters.

At the competition the group presented the work they had done in educating and promoting the financial and economical well being of others.

In the course of the 2006-2007 academic school year, SIFE has provided a great deal of knowledge and experience for the community through 13 projects with emphasis in areas of marketing, entrepreneurship, business ethics and economics.

All their work and projects were incorporated in one final presentation delivered to a panel of competition judges.

Using a sequence of well developed speeches, audio visual materials and a power point presentation, the members set out to bring home the victory for the college.

In return for their hard work, they were awarded the first place trophy in the regional competition. The group received excellent ratings in the most of the categories in which they were rated.

This was a big turn around from last year's competition in which the group was given several poor ratings.

Seventeen students represented the college at the competition. However, the excellent work presented was that of a total of twenty-five active members.

The group consists of many different students with different fields of study including business management, accounting, and economics.

The organization has been a priceless learning experience for those that have and continue to participate.

"SIFE provides a great deal of leadership skills and management skills that are useful in the future," said Brett Turk, president of SIFE.

But most importantly, "it gives the students the opportunity to do, rather than observe what is being done," said Dr. Dave Smith, assistant professor and advisor of SIFE.

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> *Dr. Dave Smith, assistant professor and advisor of SIFE.*

As divisional champions, members of the organization will continue to succeed and work hard as they prepare for the national competition to be held in Dallas on May 6-8, 2007.

Senior musicians prepare for recitals

By Audra Adams
Campus writer

The campus is alive with the sounds of music as senior musicians and vocalists prepare for their capstone recitals.

Music majors are required to perform capstone recitals, which culminates the music program. These performances are the most important event in which a music student can be involved.

Recitals are generally held in Orr Auditorium, as well as in the chapel. The shows attract family members and campus students alike.

The senior students combine classroom and private lessons including ensemble singing and playing.

"Our Capstone students choose a program of music, develop the technique to perform it, further analyze the music from a theoretical as well as a historical point of view and finally synthesize their insights and knowledge into their public performances," Grover Pitman, professor of music, said.

In order to perform a recital for a public audience, each senior must pass a "hearing." A hearing is when they perform their recital for faculty members. The faculty members make comments and suggestions about the pieces that have been selected and then either pass or fail the musicians or vocalists.

"My voice was really tested because it was the first time I had to sing non-stop for 30 minutes straight doing a solo repertoire," senior Sarah Timm said.

Timm was supported at her recital by full audience of family and fellow classmates. Her performance featured piano accompaniment and carefully selected pieces of music which were certain to maintain the audience's enjoyment. Timm also added a unique twist to her capstone recital when she included her brother, junior David Timm, and sister, freshman Leah Timm, in her show.

"I've put a lot of time in to my recital and the thought that all of it comes down to forty minutes with no do-overs it is kind of scary," senior Sarah Gold said.

Gold, a violinist, prepared her capstone piece while recovering from an injury. She was diagnosed with tendonitis, which made arranging a forty minute piece extremely difficult. Gold's hard work will soon pay off in her much anticipated recital to be held this spring.

"After four years of hard work this is their big moment," Peggy Flynn, secretary of the music department, said.

Flynn has witnessed many students go through the "difficult procedures of the music department" and looks forward to "sharing the exciting experience with current seniors as they present their hard work and dedication to the world."

SGA NOTES

March 28 meeting:

- There were 30 senators in attendance.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with numerous corrections.
- New Senators, Travis Leech and Matthew Ogden, were sworn in.
- Owen Wagner spoke about golf cart safety for the upcoming SGA Day.
- Golf carts for SGA Day have been ordered and sign-ups will be held at the next meeting.
- Hours of operation for various colleges and universities are currently being researched to compare with Westminster.
- "Lil' Sibs" is this weekend and on Saturday from 8-10 pm, SGA will hold a booth at "Club Room Craziness."
- Who's Who Among Colleges was released on March 28th, 2007.
- Volley Rock T-Shirt voting occurred and the winning design was chosen.
- An allocation for SIFE was requested and approved by the Senate.
- The next SGA Meeting will be held on April 11th, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Mueller Theater.

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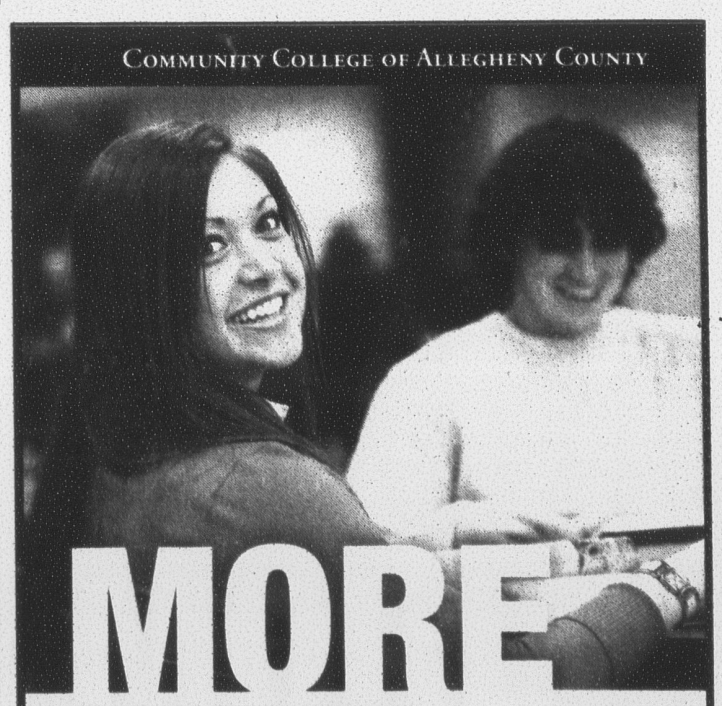
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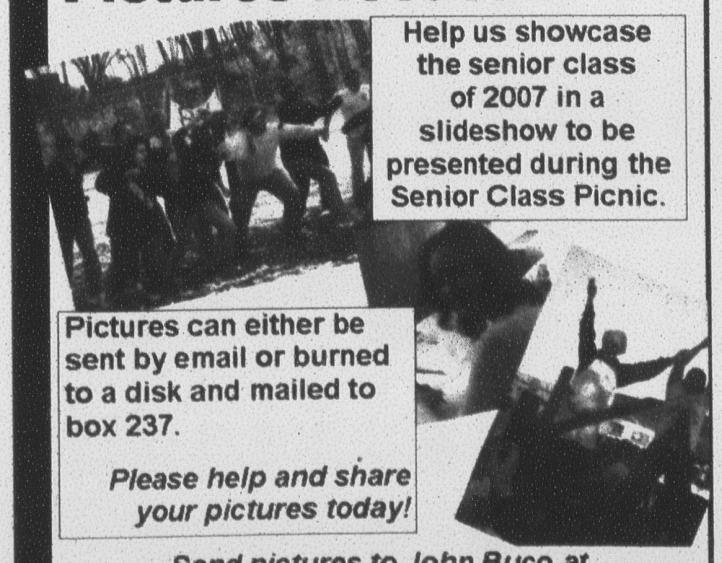
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Campus News

WC students buy dates

Theta Chi raises more than $2,200 through annual all-campus Date Auction

Photo by Jenn Corkadel

Freshman Ben Portz, left, accepts bids for himself at Theta Chi's Date Auction on March 22 while junior Jeremy Lawler, a host of the event, tells the audience about Portz.

By Susan DiFonzo
Campus writer

Singing, dancing and stripping are just a few choice words to describe Theta Chi's fourth annual date auction held March 22.

Throughout the night, 163 people crowded into the McKelvey club room as sophomore Tony Gomez, along with the brothers of Theta Chi fraternity, coordinated the auction, which raised a gratifying $2,280. The proceeds from the event benefit the family and medical needs of four-year-old Jordan Jack.

A resident of Grove City, Jack is one of sixty people in the world who have been formally diagnosed with Griscelli Syndrome. This rare disease attacks the brain, causing the loss of his basic motor skills. Ultimately, Jack will need a bone marrow transplant.

"I just want to thank everyone who supported the event. It is tremendously appreciated by Jordan and his family," Gomez said.

Independent freshman Ben Portz was auctioned off for the highest bid of the night at 170 dollars. Along with Portz, a total of 37 people were auctioned off, including six independents, two representatives from each fraternity and sorority, student affairs' executive secretary Beth Brooks, as well as the event's two masters of ceremonies, senior Sherri Breitigan and junior Jeremy Lawler.

"I think the date auction is an awesome fundraiser and it is for such a good cause," bidder Bridget Roth said. "I'm glad so many people contributed to helping out Jordan Jack."

The Crane Room, Hoss's Steakhouse, Eat-N-Park and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory were just a few of the businesses that made donations to the Chinese auction totaling $728.80. Sue Ligo, owner of the Wright Place Salon, was the Chinese auction's biggest individual donor, contributing a free hair-cut and style, 10 free tanning sessions and a bag of Paul Mitchell products. Along with the Chinese auction, the lucky 50/50 winner, Brittany Rosko, pocketed $51.

"I was really happy to see such a good turnout," Theta Chi brother and junior Kevin Shields said. "Plus it was really fun to be auctioned off."

The high bidders of the night will have an all inclusive date provided by Theta Chi. The date is tentatively scheduled for April 15, with the place to be announced.

Rennie published

Religion professor's Zoroastrianism work included in November theological bulletin

By Brian Carbone
Campus writer

Dr. Bryan Rennie, Vira I. Heinz professor of religion, recently had one of his works published in one of the largest circulated bulletins in the field of religious studies.

Based on his ideas of Zoroastrianism and the Iranian roots of Christianity, Rennie's work sprang from the notion of incompletion. It is hard to find information on Zoroastrianism in depth within biblical texts.

"In our textbook in class [Introduction to the Bible], it mentions Zoroastrianism three times, saying that it is important, but it doesn't give details of why it's important," Rennie said.

Rennie believes that Zoroastrianism is incomplete and needs to be researched further. He stated that it is very complex and one person can not figure it out on his or her own, hence the reason he wrote this paper. He wants to be part of the academic team to help make Zoroastrianism more complete and accurate.

Rennie believes that his publication in the November issue of the *Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin* will help him do that.

"I was particularly delighted to be invited to publish in the CSSR Bulletin," Rennie said, "because I am seeking wider feedback on my theories about Zoroastrian influence on early Christianity, and the large distribution of the Bulletin will help with that."

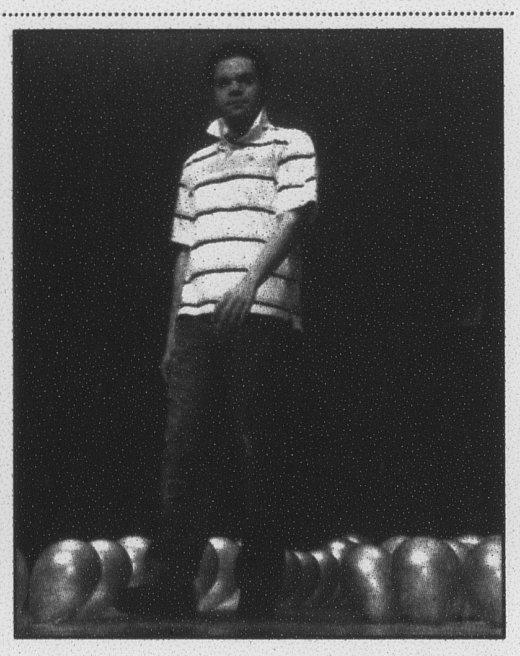
Rennie's work in the CSSR Bulletin is not his first literary work to be published. In previous years, four of his books and many of his articles were published on his research in relation to Mircea Eliade, a very influential religious figure for Rennie.

Even at a young age, Rennie had been interested in religion. When he was sixteen years old, listening to the Beatles and others talk about religion, he realized that it must be important. Although he came to this conclusion about religion, he wondered why it seemed as though no one was studying it.

"I'm just fascinated by the way people get so excited and worked up when you talk about religion, but those same people are those who devote little time to the study of it," Rennie said.

More information on the CSSR can be found by visiting their website at www.cssr.org. Rennie's fourth book on Eliade, International Eliade, will be coming out sometime in April.

BSU FASHION SHOW

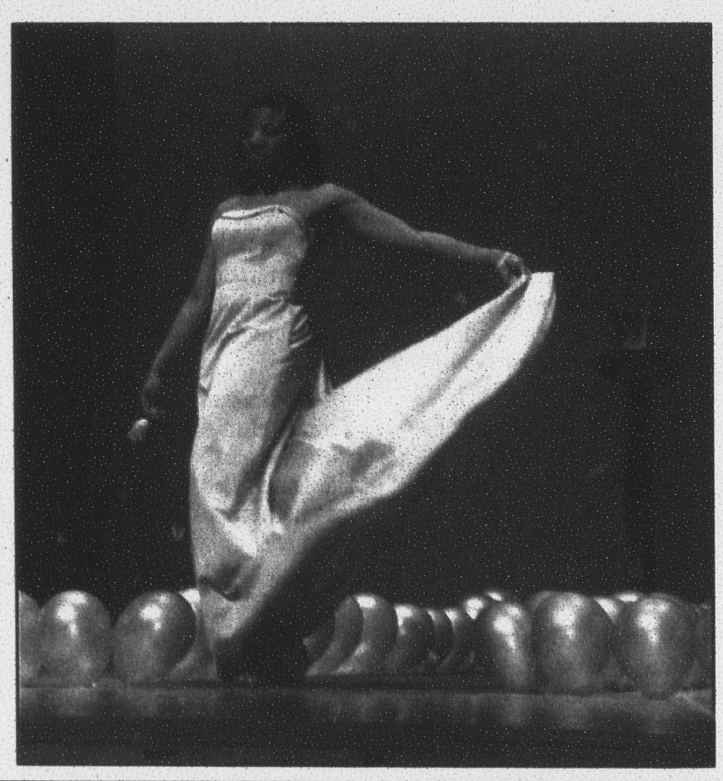


Photos by Amanda Miller

Fashion Extravaganza

A number of students participated in BSU's Fashion Show Friday, March 23. The money raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Clockwise from top left: Senior Nikky Douglas, junior Bill Sadler, senior Joselyn Parker, junior Cubbey Linnelli and senior Blake Ordell.



Westminster to enter Nicaragua

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

One of the perks of being a college student is the ability to travel abroad and investigate other cultures.

At Westminster, there are many opportunities for students to learn about foreign cultures firsthand, whether it is through spending a semester abroad, or a travel course.

Next semester, a cluster course entitled "Nicaraguan Culture and Ecology" is being offered that satisfies two Intellectual Perspectives credits and the cluster requirement, as well as counting as an elective for biology and environmental science majors.

Students enrolled in this course get the unique opportunity to travel to Nicaragua from January 4-20.

"I think it is really important for Westminster students to see outside of New Wilmington and travel around the world to see different sights that they wouldn't otherwise get to," Dr. Joel Postema said.

Dr. Postema is teaching the course entitled "Latin American Culture and History: Nicaragua" which will make up half of the cluster. This course will focus on the history and culture of Nicaragua through such mediums as film, novels, poetry, and theater.

"Part of the goal of this course is to learn about the history of the country, and then see how the culture and cultural artifacts either reflect that history, or comment on it," Dr. Postema said.

The other half is a biology course entitled "Tropical Ecology: Nicaragua" taught by Dr. Ann Throckmorton. This course will focus on the ecological diversity of Nicaragua and its different ecosystems.

"We thought Nicaragua was a good choice of destination because it not only has an interesting culture and history, it also has a unique and diverse ecology; you can travel from ocean to volcano to rainforest to cloud forest in very little time" Postema said.

In the travel portion of this course, students will get the opportunity to see many aspects of Nicaragua, including the capital city, several volcanoes and the ancient ruins of Leon Viejo, a World Heritage Site.

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Students can also go diving or snorkeling on the Corn Islands, which are located on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua. They also may have the opportunity to go scuba diving if they have a scuba license.

The estimated cost for this trip is $2600, which will cover everything except personal expenses, passport, medications and most lunches and dinners. A non-refundable deposit will be due before the end of this semester.

For more information, contact either Dr. Ann Throckmorton or Dr. Joel Postema.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	High 65°	High 68°	High 66°	High 63°
Low	Low 46°	Low 47°	Low 44°	Low 41°
Sun mixing with clouds; mild	Mild with increasing clouds	A couple of t-storms possible	Partly sunny	Cloudy, rain possible

Wednesday	Thursday
High 51°	High 47°
Low 20°	Low 20°
Cooler; a few showers	Much colder; flurries possible

Weather History

Heavy, wet snow swirled through New York City on March 30, 1805, as gusty gales toppled trees. The wind was strong enough to mobilize wet snow rollers that grew as large as 2 feet in diameter.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	66	40	s	63	48	pc	69	48	t	66	44	pc	62	41	r
Butler, PA	66	33	s	64	47	pc	67	46	t	68	43	pc	65	42	r
Cambridge, OH	68	42	s	68	51	pc	74	48	t	72	45	pc	70	45	r
Canton, OH	66	38	s	65	48	pc	70	47	t	68	44	pc	63	41	r
Cincinnati, OH	70	51	s	72	56	pc	73	52	pc	73	52	pc	73	50	t
Clarion, PA	64	28	s	63	43	pc	63	45	t	63	43	pc	62	39	r
Clarksburg, WV	68	43	s	68	49	pc	72	50	t	72	46	pc	75	49	t
Cleveland, OH	62	38	s	59	48	pc	70	47	t	64	43	pc	60	38	r
Columbus, OH	68	49	s	69	55	pc	74	52	t	74	48	pc	70	45	r
Cumberland, MD	64	36	s	67	42	s	61	46	t	69	46	pc	68	45	t
Erie, PA	60	33	s	56	42	pc	63	45	r	59	41	pc	57	37	r
Franklin, PA	64	32	s	62	45	pc	66	46	t	63	43	pc	62	39	r
Greensburg, PA	66	35	s	66	49	pc	69	49	t	70	47	pc	69	45	t
Greenville, PA	66	32	s	63	47	pc	68	47	t	63	42	pc	61	39	r
Grove City, PA	66	32	s	64	47	pc	66	46	t	66	43	pc	64	41	r
Hagerstown, MD	66	40	s	64	42	s	60	45	sh	70	46	pc	68	47	c
Indiana, PA	66	37	s	67	47	pc	66	48	t	70	46	pc	68	44	r
Jamestown, NY	60	33	s	54	42	ps	58	43	r	57	39	pc	54	35	r
Kittanning, PA	66	30	s	65	47	pc	67	48	t	70	45	pc	67	44	r
Lisbon, OH	66	35	s	66	48	pc	69	48	t	66	44	pc	63	41	r
Mansfield, OH	65	42	s	60	51	pc	71	49	t	70	45	pc	62	39	r
Marietta, OH	70	41	s	71	53	pc	77	51	t	74	48	pc	77	47	t
McKeesport, PA	66	38	s	67	50	pc	70	49	t	69	47	pc	69	46	r
Meadville, PA	64	36	s	61	46	pc	66	47	t	59	42	pc	59	38	r
Morgantown, WV	68	40	s	69	50	pc	72	50	t	73	48	pc	74	45	t
New Castle, PA	66	33	s	65	47	pc	68	47	t	67	44	pc	64	42	r
Oil City, PA	64	29	s	62	45	pc	66	46	t	65	44	pc	63	40	r
Pittsburgh, PA	68	36	s	68	50	pc	66	50	t	70	46	pc	66	42	r
Sharon, PA	66	33	s	64	47	pc	69	47	t	64	42	pc	62	40	r
Somerset, PA	66	41	s	62	43	pc	58	45	t	63	45	pc	61	43	t
Steubenville, OH	68	41	s	66	50	pc	69	49	t	70	46	pc	69	43	r
Uniontown, PA	66	36	s	67	48	pc	72	48	t	73	46	pc	72	44	t
Warren, OH	66	36	s	63	47	pc	70	47	t	65	42	pc	64	40	r
Washington, PA	68	35	s	69	45	pc	70	45	t	71	42	pc	68	42	t
Waynesburg, PA	68	35	s	68	48	pc	72	47	t	72	45	pc	71	44	t
Wheeling, WV	68	42	s	66	51	pc	71	49	t	70	47	pc	69	43	r
Youngstown, OH	66	35	s	64	47	pc	69	47	t	64	42	pc	62	40	r
Wooster, OH	66	37	s	64	48	pc	70	46	t	68	45	pc	61	40	r
Zanesville, OH	68	40	s	70	52	pc	75	49	t	73	46	pc	71	47	r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Titans softball wins two on the road

By Bob Long
Sports writer

The Lady Titans faced off against Penn State Altoona in a double header March 26.

The girls won both games and evened their record at 6-6 for the season. Westminster is very optimistic about the season thus far and is already in second place in the PAC.

The Titans will be led this season by senior pitcher Jennifer Pancake, who along with winning game one of the double header, was 4-7 with 3 homeruns on the day.

Pancake was not the only Titan swinging for the fences, however. Freshmen first baseman Jennifer Emery also homered in the seventh placing the Titans ahead 2-0.

Towards the end of the game, the Lions made a run at winning the game but came up short 2-1. Pancake won her fourth game of the season and had 2 strikeouts on the day.

In game 2 of the double header, the Titans, led by freshman gunslinger Jennifer Emery, crushed the opposing Lions by 10 runs. Pancake hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run home run in the fourth inning to give the Titans a 10-1 lead. Freshman designated hitter Kayla Rosati hit a three-run homer as part of Westminster's five-run third inning. She finished the game with four RBI's.

While the Titan softball team made short work of Penn State Altoona, much of the season is still up in the air.

When asked about the key to a successful season, outfielder/first baseman Kristin Zyskowski said, "I think the key to a successful season this year will be working together as a team. We lost a lot of seniors last year, and this year we are trying people in new positions. We also have a freshman class that will be huge contributors in our success".

As seen in the game against Penn State, freshmen such as Jennifer Emery will be very important to a great season.

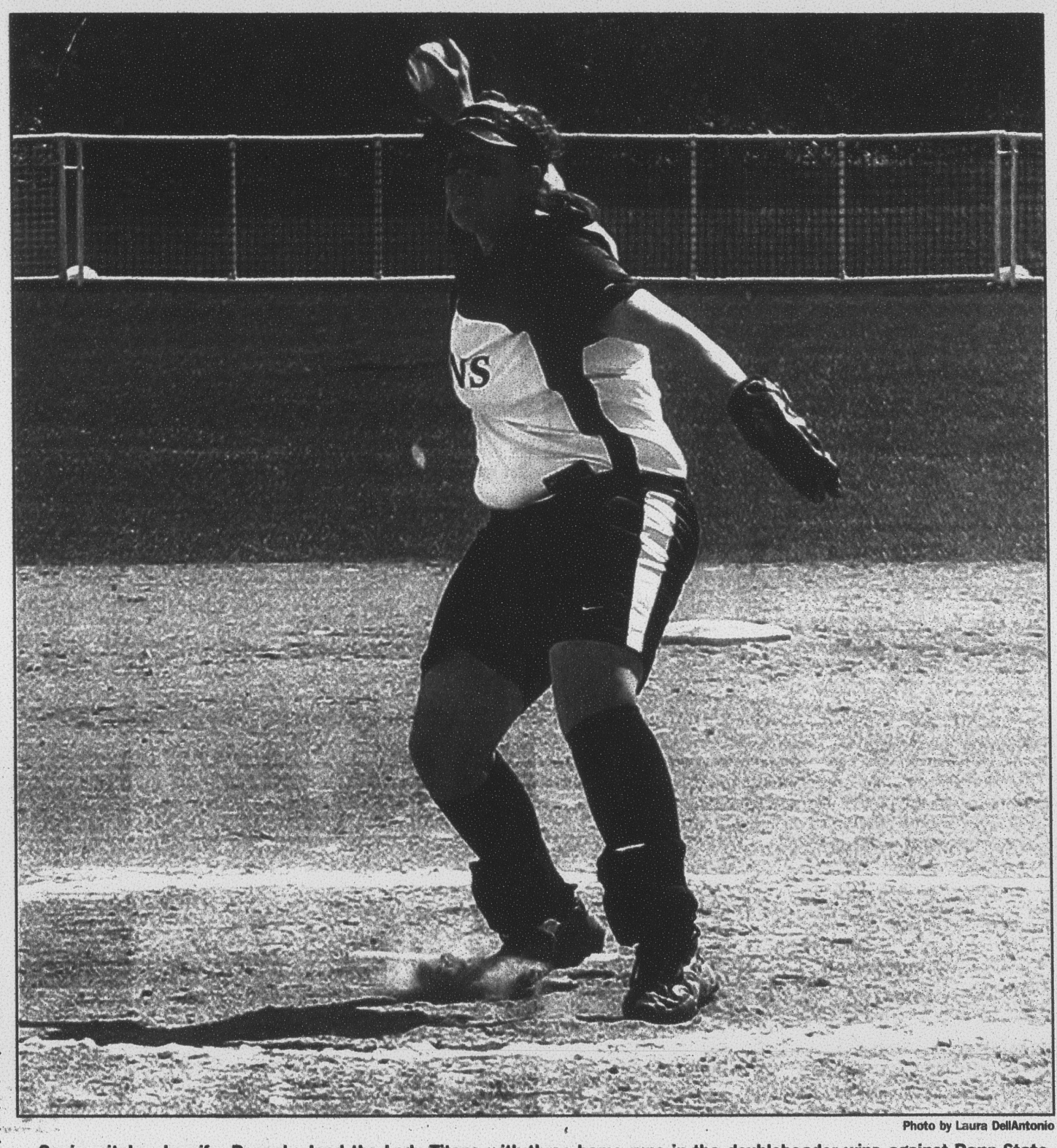

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior pitcher Jennifer Pancake lead the Lady Titans with three home runs in the doubleheader wins against Penn State-Altoona on March 26. The team will play its first home game on Monday April 2 at 3 p.m.

The Lady Titans resume play March 31 against Bethany. This will be the first PAC game of the season and is likely to be a precursor to the future of Titan softball. The game is at Bethany and starts at 1 p.m. The Titans are looking to continue their winning ways as far into the season as possible and thus far show no signs of slowing down.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

NCAA ruminations

We have experienced the badness and seen the madness, we are left with JT3 and Billy D., not to mention Ben, who beat his old school bad, and a guy named Thad; all of which makes true college basketball fans not sad, but extremely glad.

Unlike last year's Final Four and National Championship game, which were by the way completely unwatchable and left me searching to hear a one liner from Horatio Caine while Florida was shellacking UCLA on their way to becoming champs, this year's match-ups are slated, at least on paper, to be close, exciting, thrilling games.

For the first time in years, Cinderella is off dancing with her fairy Godmother and not in the Final Four. Although for many fans it is the thrill of watching Cinderella defy the odds time and time again, the end result is Cinderella transforming from all of the magic back into the mediocre team that shows up and gets romped by one of the higher seeds.

The excitement in this year's Final Four is that it has legitimate teams that have a true chance of winning the whole shebang. Because of this, I anticipate the games to be close down to the final seconds when Elvis will inevitably leave the building.

Starting off on the right side of the most commonly used office pool bracket is the Ohio State versus Georgetown match-up. This game will feature an epic battle between two heroes. Ohio State fans will surely be singing odes to Oden, while Georgetown counters with hymns for Hibbert. In all seriousness this game features a scrap between arguably the two truest and best centers in college basketball. Greg Oden and Roy Hibbert are unique in the sense that they both place such a high emphasis on defense. This should be a battle that epitomizes basketball in its purest form.

On the outside, the duel between Big East Player of the Year Jeff Green and stalwart senior Ron Lewis should be high octane from the opening tip. Although Georgetown was able to put the points up on UNC, the question is whether or not they can score on a team that prides itself on defense the way Ohio State does. When it is all said and done, John Thompson III will come up short because he does not have a supporting cast comparable to the Buckeyes.

On the other side of the bracket is a rematch of last year's National Championship Game. Unlike last year, I do not think that one team will dominate the other from start to finish. UCLA has two of the games greatest players in Arron Afflalo and Darren Collison, but Florida has five of the games greatest players in Corey Brewer, Lee Humphrey, Torean Green, Al Horford, and Joakim Noah.

Although UCLA can match Florida on the perimeter, it is the inside presence of Al Horford and Joakim Noah that will overpower the Bruins. Luc Richard Mbah a Moute and Lorenzo Mata will not be able to contain Al Horford and Joakim Noah, and Florida will meet Ohio State in the Championship Game.

Although Ohio State finished as the AP Poll's number one ranked team, there will only be one number one after the Championship Game. Although in March Madness time, the saying goes "if the slipper fits, wear it," this year's saying will go something like this, "if the crown fits, wear it," because that is what Florida will be doing for the second year in a row and for the first time in better than a decade.

For the Final Four, I suggest to have fun, because remember it is still one and done, and when the final whistle ends the game, it will be the Florida Gators with a claim to fame.

Titan sluggers face PAC rivals

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The baseball team traveled to Thomas More College last weekend to compete in their first PAC games of the season. Thomas More defeated the Titans in all three games of the series.

The Titans lost the doubleheader Saturday by scores of 12-0 and 10-5. The Saints defeated the Titans on Sunday again by a score of 10-5.

"We did not play well as a team, from the hitting to the fielding, all the way to the most important thing, the pitching. We were beaten in every aspect of the game. The one strength I did see was that we do not give up," senior Tony Cunningham said.

The first game of the series was a shutout win for the Saints. Thomas More's starting pitcher struck out six and gave up one walk and two hits during the game.

Junior Andrew Robison suffered his first loss of the season, giving up nine runs on nine hits with two walks and a strikeout over 4 1/3 innings.

The second game in Saturday's doubleheader started with the Titans taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning. In the bottom of the first and second innings the Titans gave up runs.

In the fourth inning, the Saints scored five more runs, which gave them a 7-3 lead. The lead then became 9-3, and concluded with a 10-5 win.

Junior Thomas Fee got a two-run double in the first inning, scoring sophomores John Izzo and Mike Busin. Both were unearned runs on Thomas More starter Kyle Wewe.

Cunningham started the first 3 1/3 innings on the mound. He gave up six runs (four earned) on five hits along with five walks and three strikeouts.

Junior Scott Carney relieved Cunningham in the fourth inning after Cunningham gave up a bases-loaded walk. Carney then gave up a three-run triple to the first batter he faced, clean-up hitter Dan Buchwald of the Saints.

The Titans scored three runs with two outs in the top of the eighth inning to tie the final game of the series Sunday at 5-5. In the bottom of the inning, the Saints scored five more runs to win. Contributing hits for the Titans were Busin, Fee, and junior Donnie Womeldorff.

Sophomore Adam Blythe started for the Titans, giving up five funs on nine hits with two strikeouts over 3 1/3 innings. The Saints outhit the Titans 15-8, including four runs on four hits charged to freshman Dave Evans.

Leading the Titan batters for the three-game series were sophomore Nick Maiorano, who went 4 for 10, and junior Brandon Drespling who went 4 for 12.

The Titans (6-7, 0-3 PAC) will have their home-opener against PAC opponent Waynesburg on Friday, March 30.

"Against Waynesburg we are going to try to win at least two of three. If we sweep, that would be great to get us back to .500 in conference play," Drespling said.

Male netters improve

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

As the temperature begins to increase, so does the record of the Men's Tennis team. The Titans competed in their past two matches with the hopes of coming out on top.

With hard work and a competitive spirit, they did just that. The Titans added two wins to their record by defeating Hiram on March 20 and Pitt Greensburg on March 26. Theses two wins gave the Titans an overall record of 2-3.

The Titans had their first couple of games in Hilton Head, South Carolina, but were unable to claim any victories.

"We started the season off 0-3, playing very tough competition in Hilton Head," freshman William Romeo said, "now that we are back up north and have won our first two matches here."

The Titans played Hiram at the North Beaver Tennis Center in New Castle, defeating them with a score of 7-2.

"The match was shortened due to the number of players Hiram brought," freshman Mark Drabick said. "We played very well in the matches that did commence."

Winners for Westminster included freshmen Fred Romeo and Mark Drabick. Romeo defeated Phil Majors 8-4 at No. 3 singles, while Drabick beat Anuj Gurung 8-5 at No. 4. Sophomore Nate Dodd also defeated Ryan Williams 8-2 at No. 5 singles.

On Monday, March 26, the Titans took on Pitt Greensburg at home and came out victorious.

"The match was another chance to show our teams depth," sophomore Nate Dodd said. "Last year we struggled a bit to beat them, but this time around we ended with a strong 8-1 win."

Singles winners included sophomore Stefan Hadricky, freshman Fred Romeo, freshman Mark Drabick sophomore Nate Dodd and freshman Scott Lawrence. Doubles winners included Hadricky teaming with junior Gene Cunningham at No. 1 (8-5), Romeo and junior Dusty Rhodes at No. 2 (8-4), and Drabick and Lawrence at No. 3 (8-5).

The Titans worked hard to capture these two wins but plan to keep working harder to achieve their goal of winning the PAC Championship.

Clemente Jr. to share motivational speech

Son of Pirates' baseball great to speak to students

Clemente Jr.

Roberto Clemente Jr., son of the late Hall of Fame baseball player, will be speaking Wednesday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in the Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Sponsored by the Young Presbyterian Scholars (YPS), the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Chapel Office, Clemente will share a motivational speech themed "Sportsmanship: On a Team, On Your Own."

Clemente, a baseball broadcaster and a former professional baseball player whose career was shortened because of injuries, is a gifted speaker who in 1993 established the Roberto Clemente Foundation, named for his father who was the first Latin American baseball player to register 3,000 hits in Major League Baseball history as a player for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1955 until his tragic death in 1972.

The event is free and open to the public.

Contact Carey Anne Meyer-LaSor, coordinator of the YPS program, by phoning 724-946-7365 or by e-mail at meyerca@westminster.edu for more information.

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Women's golf

The Lady Titans won the Waynesburg Women's Golf Invitational on March 27 at the Southpointe Counry Club in Canonsburg. The team had a score of 403.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Amazing Grace borders on preachy, but pleases viewer

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Almost everyone has heard the song "Amazing Grace," whether by a talented performer or by a zealous soprano in the local church.

However, the hymn has much more history behind its lyrics than most know. It was written by a former slave trader, but the film *Amazing Grace* touches only a little bit on the birth of the song.

Michael Apted's film is set in late eighteenth-century London where young Parliament member William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffud) has literally lost his singing voice, but has found God to fill the void, or rather, God has found him.

He is a compassionate soul; his large manor is filled with rescued animals and beggars who come in for a meal, but he does not find his true calling until he meets with John Newton (Albert Finney), the former slave trader who wrote the famous "Amazing Grace."

Newton now spends his days repenting his sins in church while the "souls of 20,000 slaves" haunt him. He encourages Wilberforce to fight for the slaves' freedom by abolishing Britain's involvement in the slave trade.

Wilberforce uses his political connections with William Pitt the Younger (Benedict Cumberbatch), who would become prime minister at the young age of 24, to gain support in Parliament.

At first Wilberforce is hard pressed to find support in Parliament, which is made up of profitable lords and politicians who benefit financially from the slave trade. He and his close supporters, including former slave Oloudaqh Equiano (Youssou N'Dour), try to rally support and raise awareness around Britain of the atrocities of the slave trade.

Despite their efforts, the bill continues to fail in Parliament.

Wilberforce's passion for this cause becomes an obsession, and when he is diagnosed with colitis he spends much of his time in pain or clouded in an opium haze for the pain.

While his health is declining, so is hope for passing the bill. With the French revolution just around the corner, the British bureaucracy sees any sort of deviance as a form of rebellion, just like the bloody Americans just did.

Wilberforce and his group are seen as rebels to the crown by trying to abolish the slave trade, which would inevitably bankrupt sugar plantations and other enterprises that run on slave trade.

Eventually Wilberforce marries and learns to deal with his colitis, but he cannot deal with the idea that he failed. After twenty years of failing, he tries to pass the bill in Parliament one last time, but though the environment is friendlier with fear of Briush rebellion having subsided, Wilberforce has William Pitt, now prime minister, present the bill not as abolishing slave trade but another clever ruse.

The bill for this other subject passes (I'll leave the surprise for the film), and the British abolish their involvement in the slave trade.

The acting in the film is well-done, though the dialogue dances on the edge of preachy, which is the danger of making a politically-activated film. However, the topic is powerful, and it gives hope to anyone who has failed. As a rather cynical person, it's odd for me to say that, but sometimes perseverance pays off and the biggest changes almost never happen overnight or over a year.

Rating: B+

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Source: outnow.ch

Ioan Gruffud and Romola Garai star in Amazing Grace.

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

ΘX

Theta Chi is closed Saturday night.

ΣΦE

Sigma Phi Epsilon is open Saturday night.

Remember that you cannot take a Lil' Sib under 18 to a party!

New interactive video community debuts

BERKELEY, Calif., - March 29, 2007 - Vlip (www.vlip.com), a fresh, new, interactive community that gives anyone anywhere in the world a video forum to express themselves virtually face-to-face, made its debut online this week.

What makes Vlip so unique is that it promotes interaction between video creators and their audiences through its easy-to-use interface. Anyone with a webcam, a microphone and an engaging idea can become part of the Vlip community instantly by creating and sharing online videos, or replying to existing Vlips.

"The Internet can be a text-heavy, anonymous, passive environment," says Nina Carduner, an active member of the Vlip community. "Vlip is a place where you can connect with people on an equal playing field to share thoughts, ideas and opinions. It's been exciting to watch people from all over the planet discover this community and participate, whether by posting their own videos or by reacting to other Vlippers' posts."

Unlike passive, view-only Websites, Vlip's distinguishing feature is its ability to connect Vlippers in real time through the easy click-to-call of SightSpeed, which offers the highest quality personal video calling available on the Internet. No other video site offers instant interactivity of this type.

Also unique is Vlip's "threader" technology, which links Vlip posts and their replies on Vlip and across multiple Web sites. Vlip also lets users post videos onto other sites, such as Myspace.com, both live and through the threaded playback feature. Viewers can watch a sequence of video chains instead of just a single video post.

No downloads or registration of any kind are required to post or view Vlip content.

"Our goal is to make Vlip truly an interactive community, distinctively different from other online video destination sites," said SightSpeed CEO Peter Csathy. "There is nothing else like Vlip on the Internet today. Vlip makes it radically easy to be an active participant by making it dead-easy to make and post videos."

The company foresees many individual Vlippers gaining in popularity because of Vlip's advertising supported, revenue-sharing model.

"As an advertising-supported business, Vlip will provide revenue-sharing opportunities that will enable Vlippers to share in the profits that their content creates once they have built a following," Csathy said. "This revenue-stream model makes Vlip not just an ad-driven site, but a true user-driven site and experience."

Vlip is enabled and supported by SightSpeed Inc., of Berkeley, California, whose award-winning SightSpeed 6.0 offers Internet users around the world personal video communications of unmatched quality.

Experts warn against Chinese food

By Leah Square
The Daily Reveille (LSU)

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. - - There are plenty of Chinese restaurants in Baton Rouge, La., and students travel in droves to pile their plates with succulent sesame chicken, tender spare ribs and lo mein noodles drowned in duck, hoisin and soy sauces.

Students know one or more trips to the buffet is not a healthful move, but nutritionists at the Center for Science in the Public Interest said Chinese foods are worse than they think. Experts say students can still enjoy the buffet, but they need to trade in their Mongolian beef for nonbreaded chicken.

Patti Truant, communications coordinator for CSPI, said typical Chinese food dishes are packed with plenty of calories and sodium -- more than the average adult should consume daily.

CSPI told the Associated Press last week that a plate of General Tso's chicken has more than half the calories and 40 percent more sodium than an adult needs in a day. Adults should eat about 2,000 calories and no more than 2,300 milligrams of sodium per day, CSPI reported. The recommended sodium cap equals about one teaspoon of salt.

Lemon chicken carries 3,800 milligrams of sodium, according to the report. And Truant said the dish is loaded with calories, too.

"The lemon chicken is battered, deep-fried with a sugary, yellow sauce, and it has 1,400 calories. That equals three McChicken sandwiches [from McDonald's] and a 32-ounce Coke," Trouant said. "Most people wouldn't sit there and eat three McChickens."

What Truant called "shocking" is that even the veggies are bad for you.

CSPI reported that a plate of stir-fried vegetables contains 900 calories and 2,200 milligrams of sodium. Eggplant topped with garlic sauce has 1,000 calories and 2,000 grams of sodium.

"There are some other vegetable dishes that are better than that," Trouant said. "But the eggplant was really shocking."

But Bonnie Liebman, nutrition director for CSPI, told the AP that Chinese restaurants are not the worst culprits among the genres of fattening foods. Mexican and Italian cuisine are higher in saturated fat than Chinese foods, Liebman told the AP.

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Calendar

March 30, 2007
Lil' Sibs Weekend
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM "Share Our Strength" Bake Sale – MCC TUB
11:40 AM Chapel and Tree Planting – Wallace Memorial Chapel
12:15 PM Eta Sigma Phi Meeting – MCC 255
3:00 PM Baseball vs. Waynesburg (H)
4:00 PM Men's Tennis vs. Frostburg State (H)
8:00 PM Dance Theatre – Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Spy Kids 3-D Game Over – MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Titan's Tavern – MCC Club and Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Tomorrow Never Dies – MCC Mueller Theater

March 31, 2007
Men's and Women's Track and Field at Wheeling Jesuit Invitational
Lil' Sibs Weekend
11:00 AM Men's Tennis at Washington and Jefferson
1:00 PM Softball at Bethany
1:00 PM Baseball at Waynesburg
2:00 PM Dance Theatre – Orr Auditorium
3:00 PM Junior Voice Recital: William McCullough – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Tomorrow Never Dies – MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Dance Theatre – Orr Auditorium
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (2 Vans) – Meet at MCC Entrance
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Never Say Never Again – MCC Mueller Theater

April 01, 2007
Lil' Sibs Weekend
PALM SUNDAY
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Never Say Never Again – MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Vespers: Concert Choir Performing Narration and Vocals, "Song of Wisdom" from Old Turtle – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Tomorrow Never Dies – MCC Mueller Theater

April 02, 2007
Men's Golf Hosts Titan Invitational
10:00 AM Campus Ministry Meeting – MCC 255
11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Senior Portraits for ARGO – MCC 255
3:00 PM Softball vs. Ursuline (H)
6:00 PM Passover Seder Meal – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
7:30 PM Studio Brass Quintet Concert – Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes – MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal – Wallace Memorial Chapel

April 03, 2007
PASSOVER
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Senior Portraits for ARGO – MCC 255
7:30 PM Horn Ensemble Concert – Orr Auditorium

April 04, 2007
Last Day to Withdraw, if Approved, for Upperclass and Transfer Students ($15 Fee)
11:45 AM Faculty Forum – Patricia Clark, "CIEE International Seminar: Building a Multiracial, Multicultural Society in South Africa" – MCC Mueller Theater
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Senior Portraits for ARGO – MCC 255
3:30 PM Softball vs. Case Western Reserve (H)
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close for Break

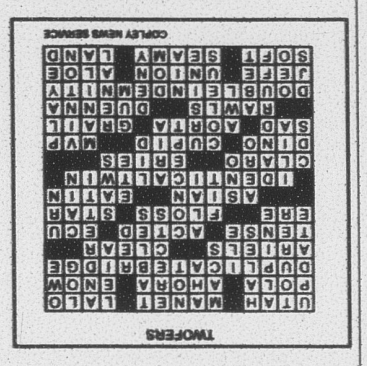
April 05, 2007
Easter Break
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Senior Portraits for ARGO – MCC 255
12:45 PM IFC Meeting – MCC Club
3:30 PM Men's Tennis at Bethany
5:00 PM Relay for Life Meeting – MCC 253
7:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi Meeting – Patterson 311

April 06, 2007
GOOD FRIDAY
College Closed
Easter Break
Periodic Server Maintenance
3:00 PM Baseball at Washington and Jefferson

April 07, 2007
Easter Break
Men's and Women's Track and Field at Mount Union Invitational
1:00 PM Softball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
1:00 PM Baseball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

April 08, 2007
EASTER

Last Week's Answers



Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Money spent on gifts or special favors is well worth every penny. Be willing to go the extra mile and give generously to make someone happy.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Take on a leadership role and guide your peers through a challenging project. Provide the spark and motivation that is necessary to succeed.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Get in tune with your subconscious mind or creative center. Use meditation or soul-searching exercises to awaken your intuition and make the connection.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Earn the respect of friends and associates in a club or group. Step forward with plans for organizing or managing a collective endeavor.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Success is being able to live your dream. Stop looking backward. Look forward to achieving your goals. Acknowledge your talents and utilize your gifts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Enthusiastic is the word that best describes your mood this week. Do not hesitate to set your expectations higher or to work harder than ever before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Secrets revealed will release you from past regrets or feelings of guilt. Be willing to forgive, forget and do what you must do to move on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Partnerships will take center stage this week. Enjoy spending some quality time with your significant other engaged in social activities.

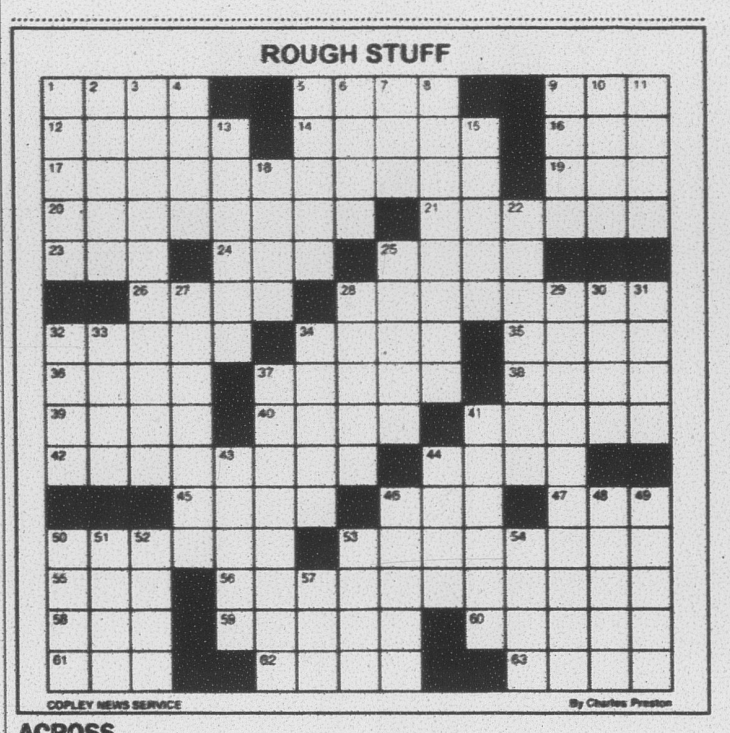
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be willing to give a little more in the name of good service. Make the proper preparations to help a loved one feel comfortable and special.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Take advantage of an opportunity to express yourself in a creative way. Think and feel like a child at heart and uncover an abundance of inspiration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Emotional harmony is charted for you this week. Seek a beautiful or serene setting to share with family members and friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Ease the tension between you and your co-workers or colleagues. Communicate your feelings and tell the story of your discontent.

Crossword



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9 Hoover, for one
12 Aspirin targets
14 Greek letters
16 Past
17 Hit this
19 Soak
20 Bush offerings
21 River of song
23 Debtor's letters
24 Gen. material
25 Solar deity
26 Defeat
28 Strike this
32 Plunder
34 Border
35 Sioux tribe
36 Sch.
37 Night noise
38 Anger
39 Dicks
40 Water cock
41 Played for stakes
42 Beat this
44 Other
45 Party fare
46 Actress Meyers
47 Public transport
50 Type of system
53 Italian painter
55 Crude metal
56 Knock these
58 By way of
59 Camping gear
60 Computer code
61 Conger
62 Support
63 Barely made it, with out

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4 Daughter of Zeus
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7 Consumed
8 Massachusetts
9 Daybreak
10 American author
11 Small speck
13 Overpower
15 Seamstress
18 Fontanne's spouse
22 Some felines
25 African tree
27 No spring chicken
28 Cut short
29 Punch this
30 Captive of Hercules
31 Requirement
32 Fijian chestnut
33 Cake decorator
34 Wild oxen
37 Drawer
41 Russian composer
43 John or Bonnie
44 The Red
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Are You Funny?

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If you are interested, draw us a comic about something happening on campus.

Then, send it to holcad@westminster.edu!

Deadline is Monday, April 2.

MCKELVEY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

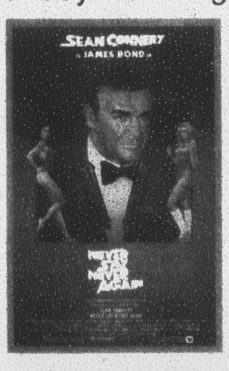
007 Little Sibs Weekend!
Registration 4 to 8 PM - Berlin Lounge
FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern 10 PM - Club Room/Berlin Lounge
JD Eicher CD Release Party!
SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling 10 PM - MCC Info Desk
Only 2 vans - first come, first ride

"Spy Kids - 3D"

Friday 8:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

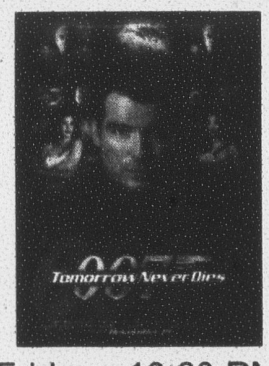
Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Never Say Never Again"



Saturday 10:30 PM
Sunday 3:00 PM

"Tomorrow Never Dies"



Friday 10:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 PM

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Apr. 13 Alpha Psi Omega 1 Acts
Apr. 20 Comic - Leighann Lord
May 5 Volley Rock
May 5 Jazz Concert
May 9 Aqua Masaage

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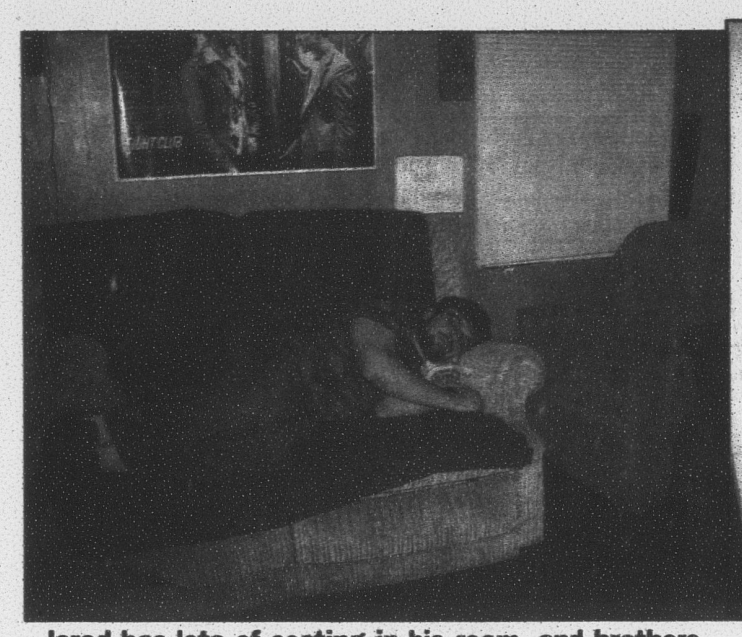
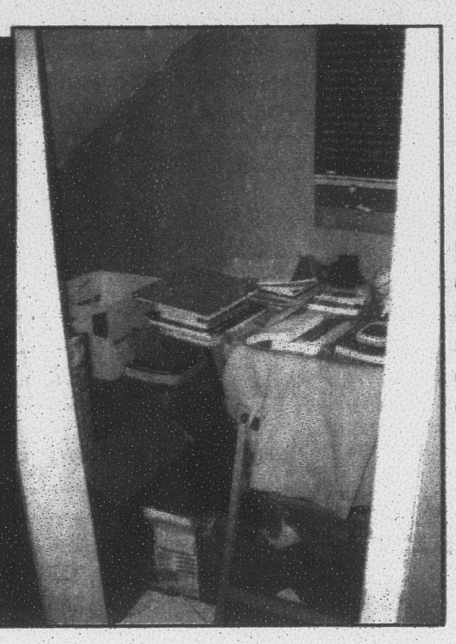
Features

WC Cribs

This week, Features editor Jenn Corkadel respawns in the room of gamer Jared McConkey





Here's Jared's desk. It's full of English books, and the occasional pair of pants.

Jared has lots of seating in his room, and brothers take advantage of this fact.

Jared wants to teach high school English eventually, so he's already brushing up on how to manage those crazy high schoolers.

Jared's an avid artist, and has many of his drawings framed and hanging in his room.

He's also got a "lost and found" bin because people have a tendency to leave things after hanging out.

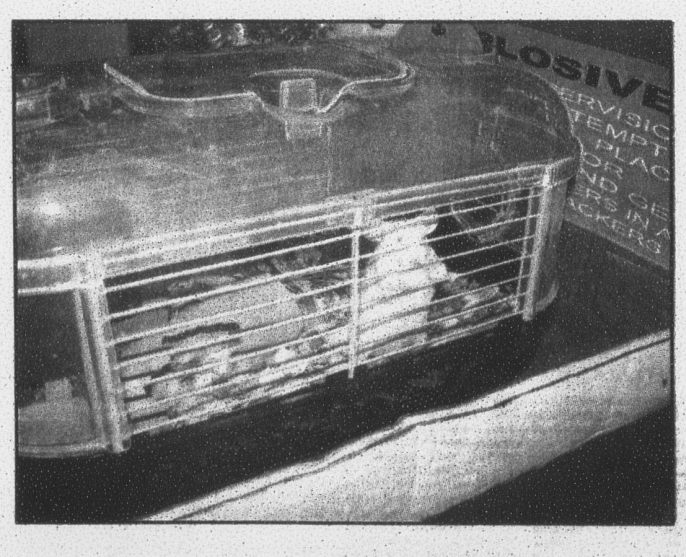
Jared's always ready for a rousing game of Wii Tennis.

He's also fond of just about every video game ever made. Awesome.

Yes, that is a massive Nintendo controller on his bed...door.

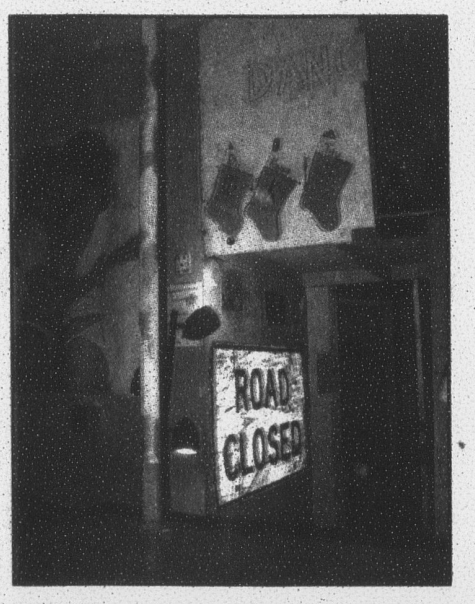
Let it never be said that Jared lacks Christmas cheer...

...or a sweet pole on his bar.



Jared keeps a friend's mouse in his room (he lives at a fraternity). Its name is Rutherford B. Mouse.

The "explosive" sign behind Rutherford's cage is hilariously placed.



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Giant goldfish

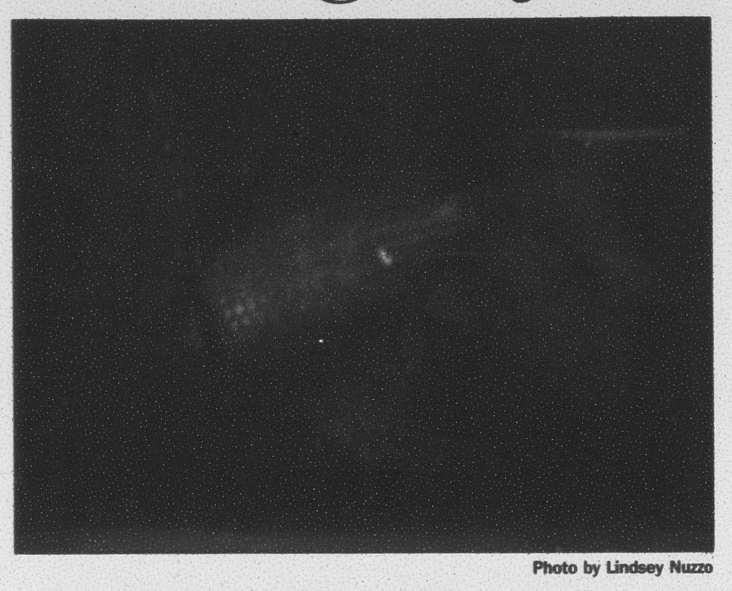


Photo by Lindsey Nuzzo

Dr Throckmorton's goldfish, originally purchased for a biology course, has grown to 14 inches.

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Those bored with the campus mummy may still have a reason to venture over to Hoyt Science Center, and this attraction is actually alive.

Dr. Anne E. Throckmorton, Assistant Professor of Biology, has a 14-inch goldfish felicitously floating through an aquarium in her office window. The fish is roughly the size of a smallmouth bass and is just three inches shy of the largest known goldfish to date. According to Throckmorton, the fish was much smaller when it was first purchased.

"He's was just an average, run of the mill goldfish," Throckmorton said. "I bought him at a pet store for fifty-nine cents, and he was about two inches long."

Throckmorton bought the fish five years ago to use as an observational specimen in a Foundations Lab that she taught. After the lab was completed, the fish survived on its own for several months despite lack of proper care.

"When I saw the fish was still alive, I decided to keep it and I've been taking care of it ever since," Throckmorton said. "I've found out that he has a lot of personality and he really is an interesting creature."

To some, the massive growth spurt may seem like a fishy situation. However, despite general belief, goldfish are not meant to be kept in small fishbowls and do not have a short life span.

Students joke that this goldfish looks like it could be prehistoric, which is not as far from the truth as one might think. Goldfish actually have a natural lifespan of 20-30 years, a far cry from the one or two months most owners are able to keep them alive in a fishbowl. Throckmorton feels the fish's environment gives it more overall personality.

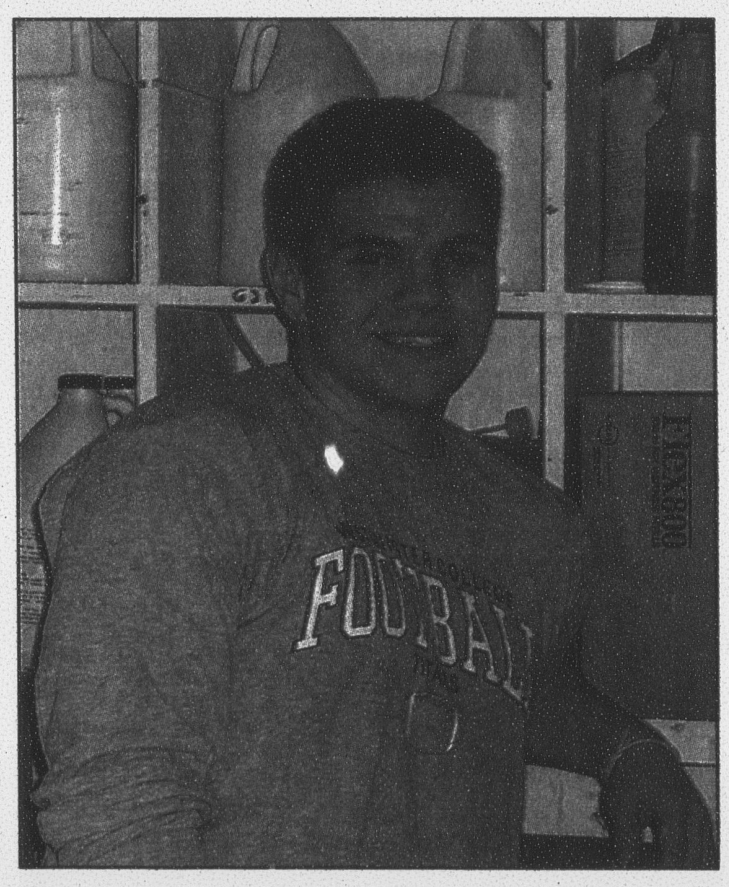
"They say fish are only supposed to have a memory span of five seconds, but I can tell he knows me because he waves his tail when I walk over to the tank," Throckmorton said. "It usually means he is hungry."

Though it may seem that fish steroids could be the cause of the immense growth, surprisingly, the fish is only fed standard goldfish pellets. Throckmorton is unsure of the gender, but she has always considered the fish a he. She also has never offfcially named the fish, assuming that a name isn't necessary for something that is never going to answer anyway.

She thoroughly enjoys having the fish in her office, and has become intrigued by its personality and natural beauty over the years. Throckmorton welcomes any visitors who want to see the fish, and with its size and bubbling personality, who knows what could happen

"One time I tried to put a small bluegill from Brittain Lake in its tank to give it a playmate, but that didn't go over so well when the goldfish tried to swallow the bluegill whole," Throckmorton said.

Student Employee of the Week



Nagy

Westminster has great student employees, and the Career Center is sponsoring a new award to offer special recognition.

Our first "Student Employee of the Week" is Jason Nagy, currently working in the Physical Plant. This is Jason's first year at Westminster, coming from Green, Oh., near Akron.

He plays football, carries a full course load, and works on campus. A history major and secondary education minor, he hopes to teach history and coach football.

Jason's supervisor, Lisa Gleghorn, describes him as dependable, hard-working, and someone who uses good common sense on the job.

During high school his part-time work included landscaping and construction. Both of these helped prepare him for his job with Westminster's Physical Plant, where he has various responsibilities.

His favorite part of the job is being outside and keeping busy. His least favorite part: cleaning up the trash in the TUB, but his willingness to do this, and do a great job, have earned him this recognition. His award includes a $25.00 gift card to Pizza Joe's. Congratulations, Jason!

The Holcad: 90 years in the making

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"With course disturb'd even thy confining shores, unless thou let his silver water keep a peaceful progress to the ocean." (King John 2.1.338-40)

This year, *The Holcad* celebrates its 90th year as a weekly newspaper. Moreover, this month in 1928, *The Holcad* expanded its size, "to place it on par with other publications in the collegiate world," as a March 6, 1928 article explains telling of *The Holcad*'s history.

The Holcad began in 1884 with literary focus and was printed on a six by nine inch paper. Students published the first paper, and in 1887 the college newspaper began to run monthly.

The new magazine was called *The Holcad* because many on staff were studying Xenophon's "Anabasis" and found that it was their duty to "bear the burden of carrying the news of Westminster to the students and the outside world," as the March 6, 1928 article explains.

Originally *The Holcad* was comprised of poems, orations, essays, stories, travel notes by alumni, an extensive alumni department and valedictory and salutatory addresses.

In 1917 the students decided to publish a weekly periodical, and the paper soon took about a journalistic demeanor.

By 1928, the editors of *The Holcad* actively sought to present more alumni news, more feature material and to report news accurately. As a weekly paper of length, *The Holcad* was considered to be in its "third stage of evolution," a stage that still characterizes the current paper.

"We aim to accurately report not only campus news, but news that affects all aspects of student life," explains current *Holcad* Editor, Colin Dean. "Students have generated a lot of positive news this year, something which *The Holcad* thoroughly enjoys publishing."

The Holcad continues to progress into the ocean of journalistic endeavor sailing on the silver waters of newspaper parchment.

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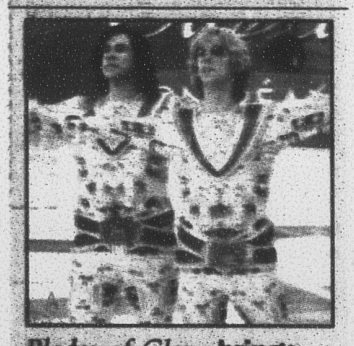

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Number of times *The Holcad* has won first place in a national review competition

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Friday
Windy with variable cloudiness
48/29

Saturday
Rather cloudy with a shower
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Sunday
Windy and colder with snow
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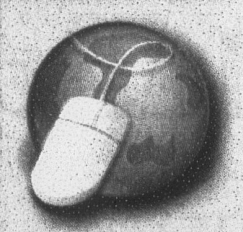

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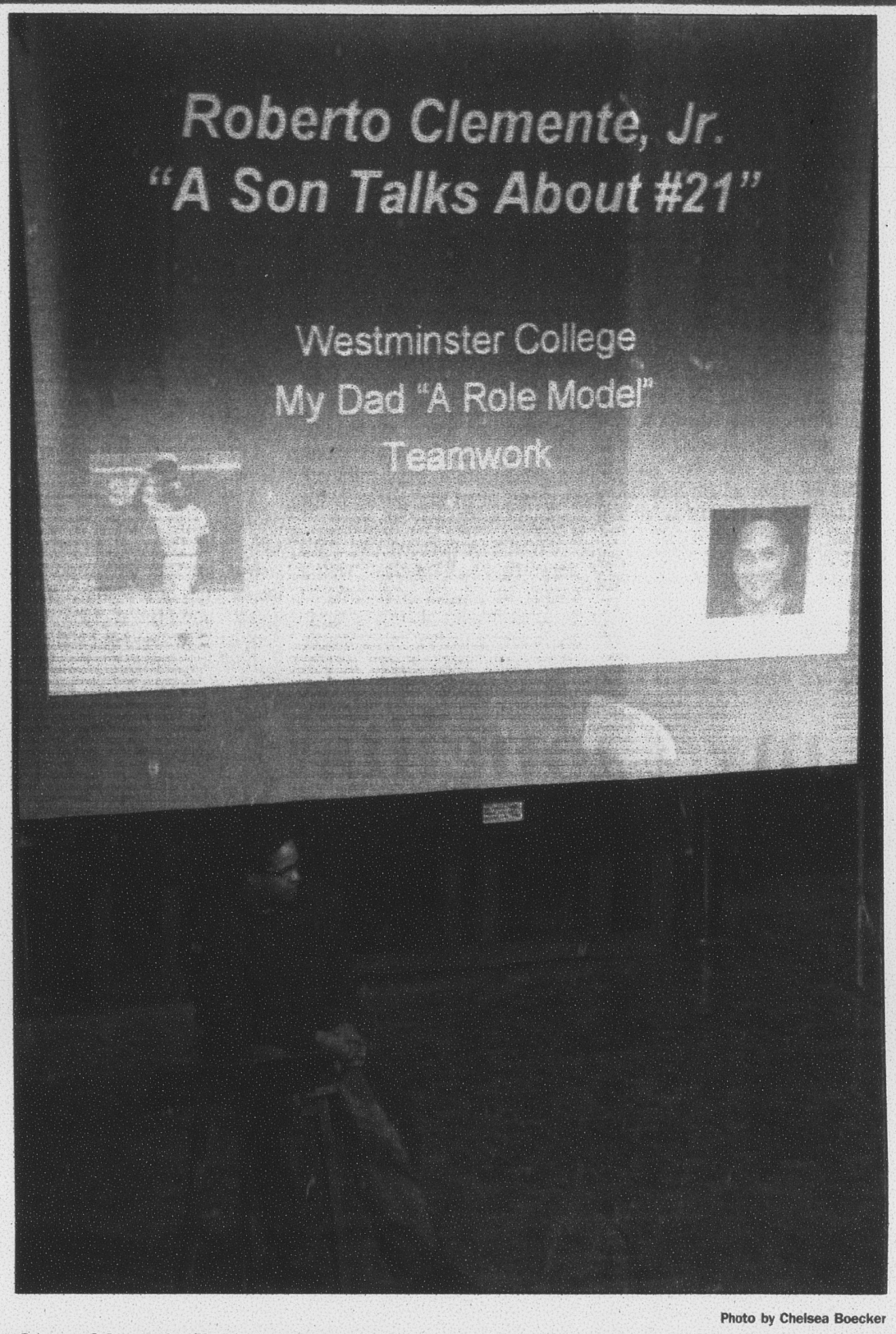

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Son of baseball great speaks

Roberto Clemente, Jr. spoke to students and community members about the legacy his father left and his intentions to keep strong the memory of his father.

Clemente, Jr. is the son of Pittsburgh Pirates legend Roberto Clemente, the first player in Major League Baseball to get 3,000 hits. Clemente was killed in a plane crash when Clemente, Jr. was six.

For the full story, see Page A-4.

Stomach sickness surprises students

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

The spring season is usually associated with colds and allergies returning along with the spring blooms.

However, the week of March 26, the Health Center saw many students come down with something altogether different.

Viral gastroenteritis, more commonly known as the "stomach flu," swept through campus, sending several students to the hospital, and even more to the Health Center.

"On the first day, we saw six or seven students with the virus, but then it slowed down to about one student per day after that," Student Health Center director Judith Duda said. "It is not unusual to see many students with the virus; what is unusual, however, is that the virus affected more students in a shorter time period."

Because of the number of students affected over such a short period of time, there was some question about whether they had gotten food poisoning at the college.

However, the Health Center staff, alongside Director of Sodhexo Food Services Jeff Creveling, found no common foods that the ill students had consumed.

Not everyone who got the virus sought medical attention from the Health Center or area hospitals.

"I was sick over the weekend, so I did not go to the Health Center, and I knew it would be over soon, so I didn't go to the hospital," Jenn Corkadel, a student who had the virus, said.

"I am certain that many students had it that did not go to either the hospital or the Health

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Alpha Psi Omega to present short plays

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Alpha Psi Omega is hosting its tenth annual "One Act Festival" Friday, April 13 at 9 p.m. and midnight in the Berlin Lounge of the McKelvey Campus Center. The festival will showcase scenes from nine plays, directed by and starring chapter members.

Two of the featured plays have close connections to the Westminster. "Night Terrors," was written by 2005 graduate Bob Allen, who currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. Scenes will also be preformed by "Broken" written by junior Barry Unis.

According to Alpha Psi Omega president Tracy Harmon, a lot of work goes into the festival every year. The directors–all members of Alpha Psi Omega–have to schedule their own rehearsals, and sometimes they share actors.

They held auditions in January, and have since been rehearsing once or twice a week, trying to memorize lines and cues.

"The members of Alpha Psi decide on the shows to be presented each year at a meeting," Harmon explained. "The directors take care of their own props, costumes and rehearsals, and the actors are sometimes in more than one show, so they put a lot of practice into memorizing lines and learning the blocking."

The theatrical line-up promises an eclectic mix of entertainment for all audiences.

"This year we have a healthy mix of shows, including many comedies (as usual), a few serious plays, and a frightful experience at the psychiatrists' office," Harmon said.

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Junior wins regional religious essay competition

By Julie Maryan
Campus writer

Junior Amanda Miller won first place for her essay entry in "God, Socrates, and Stuff: A Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference for Undergraduates."

Miller explored the relationship between the symbolism in religion and the symbolism of the moonin her paper, titled "Cycles and Femininity in Nature." The conference was held on March 24 at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA.

"Specifically, my paper connected the symbolism to the feminine through agriculture, menstruation, and goddess images of different religions," Miller said.

The paper that Amanda presented at the conference was based upon a flower symbolism paper she wrote for Dr. Bryan Rennie's Religion and the Arts course which she took in the fall semester.

To be considered for the conference, "entering students had to be recommended by a faculty member," Rennie said. "The papers were generally on philosophy and/or religion."

Finished papers were due before the conference so that the judges were able to read over them. Even though Miller won first place, according to Rennie, the conference was about more than awards.

"It's more of a competition with oneself," Rennie said. "In order to do the best that one can."

Besides Miller, LLP student Rennie Greenfield and sophomore Zoe Anthony also represented Westminster at the conference.

Greenfield was awarded an honorable mention for his unfinished paper, "A New Sacred in the Secular: Modern Mythic Elements in Contemporary Cinema."

"This conference in itself shows that religion and philosophy can be studied and talked about," Dr. Rennie said.

Even though the conference was new, Dr. Rennie hopes to help establish the conference as an annual event by looking into the possibility of holding the next one on campus in cooperation with St. Francis University in the spring of 2008 .

"The idea is still in the planning stages," Rennie said. "But it would be a great opportunity for students and faculty."

"Hopefully this conference will be able to come to campus," sophomore Bethany Olson said. "It would be a great opportunity for students and faculty to talk about religion and philosophy."

Students from seven different schools, including Shippensburg University, Messiah College and Penn State Altoona presented at the conference.

More information about the conference is available by either contacting Dr. Bryan Rennie through e-mail at brennie@westminster.edu or through the conference website at http://www.cermusa.francis.edu/csd/Conference.htm.

Annual relay to step off

Day-long event to benefit American Cancer Society

By Nicky Piszczor
Campus writer

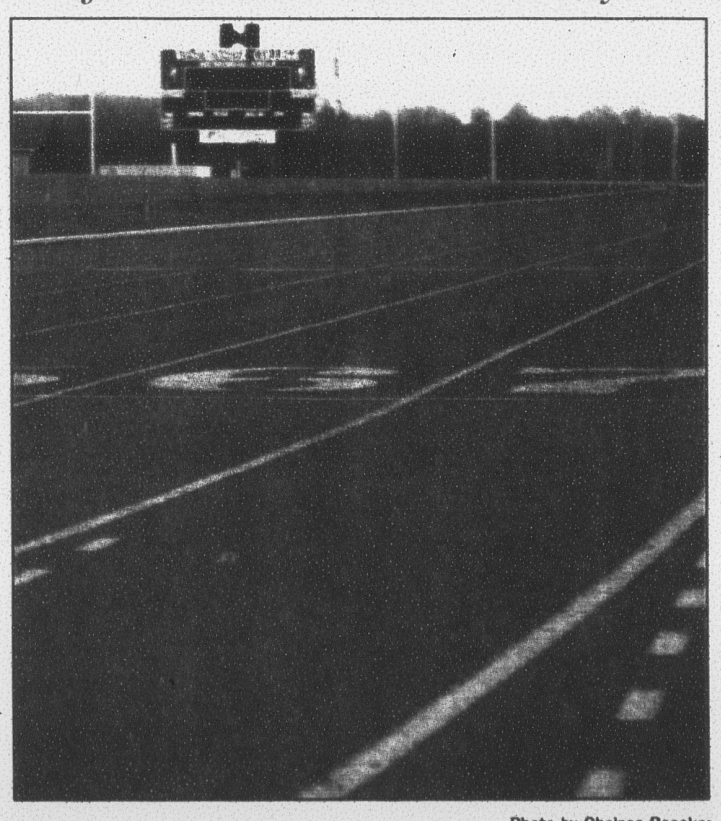

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Students, and hundreds of other people from the surrounding area will walk on the track Sat. April 14 for the annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The campus and local community will walk for a good cause at this year's Relay for Life on Saturday, April 14.

The relay continues to be an important all-day event that raises money for cancer research and celebrates survivorship. The campus event started in 1997 after former soccer coach Dr. Peter Mackie died from cancer. In Mackie's memory, Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity plans and runs the relay every year for their philanthropy, the American Cancer Society. Senior Mick Henninger is the event chair for this year's Relay for Life.

"There's no finish line until there's a cure," Henninger said. "That's what we're working toward."

Henninger and the other Alpha Sigma Phi relay chair members have been meeting with the American Cancer Society's Jim Leslie every week to plan the all-day event. The group has put a lot of time and effort into planning the relay by focusing on all aspects of the event from sponsorship to entertainment to food.

Besides planning the day's activities, members also worked hard to raise money before the relay. Sponsorship chair Garrett Horvath asked local businesses such as El Canelo and Sheetz to donate money and gift certificates for the relay. In addition, Horvath set up a deal with CiCi's Pizza. On four separate days, students were asked to visit the restaurant; then CiCi's donated a percentage of those proceeds to the relay.

"By doing the relay, it touches people in so many ways," Horvath said. "It brings everybody together for a good cause."

By raising money beforehand, the planning committee hopes to reach this year's goal of $25,000. More than 100 teams are participating in this year's Relay for Life. Each team sets a goal, then members raise a certain amount of money through the help of family and friends so they can walk during the relay. Every year, many campus organizations form teams for the relay, including Fellowship for Christian Athletes and the service organization Alpha Phi Omega, as well as all of the fraternities and sororities.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Skip with a purpose!!

Um, Spring? Where'd you go?

My cold is better, and I love you.

You follow the one road you're on to ME!

Quark, quark, quark, quark.

Somebody's NECK fell off!

Oh stir-fry, I pine for you.

So, um, back to the ribbon dancing...

I long to be in a car in the rain.

Are you guys having another tift?

Producing makes me crazy.

I'm the guy who does his job. You must be the other guy.

Attacked! By a yellow piece of paper!

Band concert the same night as Anberlin? Crap!!

Ice cream = ice + milk + a strawberry.

Apparently 7/7/07 is my lucky day.

Reinas de España!

Hams or sters? Discuss.

HELP! I need Gatorade and teddy grahams!

It better be 80 degrees next Feb.

Giantredbucket.

FOPWOP: do you get it yet??? No way.

Orange Juice Girl at your service.

It's a lamppost with three meanings.

Gotta have blue hair.

Strange, but true.

Here, I made you something.

Don't tell me how to screw up my life. I can do that just fine on my own.

What a revoltin' development!

Get over here!

The words 'mushroom' and 'balloon' should never be in the same sentence.

Jinkies...

I got a Holcad, *and you didn't!*

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off your words at the McKelvey Information Desk!

I'll grow up when I figure out what that means

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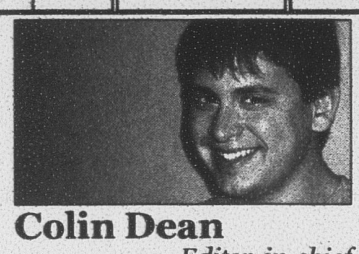

Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

The term "grown-up" has always amused me.

How does one become a grown-up? Someone once told me that one is grown-up when they take on their own responsibilities. That description satisfies my need for a simple, current definition, but it's still far too open-ended and subject to change.

I've met a lot of people in the past four years. I've studied their reactions to social stimuli in a variety of situations and have noticed that, no matter how mature a person pretends to be, he or she will still retain some childish tendencies.

I don't want to call out any of my friends on their tendencies, nor do I want to show my own through blatant exposition–Mrs. Evann Garrison, the instructor for most of my writing minor classes, taught me to avoid that. I'll leave it up to you, scrupulous and observant reader, to notice the tendencies of those with whom you interact, as well as infer my tendencies by reading the rest of the article.

How's that for suspense?

I think it would be rash of me to say that everyone reading this column is a grown-up. There's at least one person who is going to claim they are, but their friends would claim the opposite. There's at least one person who is going to say to themselves, "I don't ever want to grow up." That person is probably at least 40, and I would say to him or her, "more power to you."

I think a perfect time to call oneself a grown-up is when you can redefine your childish notions of what it is to be grown-up–when you've gained enough self-awareness and wisdom to reject or accept what you've been taught your entire life.

I like anime. The stereotypical grown-up of my childhood would see anime as little more than a cartoon with overzealous voice acting and themes that only the Japanese could enjoy. I, however, see anime as a yet another way of telling a story; another work of social commentary no different from the common prime time drama, other than the difference between drawn characters and live people.

I reject the popularity and social timeliness of shows like *Grey's Anatomy* and instead expose myself to the in-depth character studies, metaphorical social commentary and occasional all-out battle scenes of *Battlestar Galactica*.

I read a comic called XKCD. It's drawn by a CNU graduate with a degree in physics who used to work on robotics at NASA's Langley Research Center. It's obviously fairly geeky, making references to various computer-, math- and science-oriented topics, as well as the occasional social commentary.

A few months ago, I discovered XKCD and came across a very thought-provoking comic. In the first frame, a man begins to ask a woman out on a date while standing at her apartment door. Before he finishes, though, he notices that her apartment is filled with playpen balls–the kind found in that ball pit at Chuck E. Cheese's. He doesn't understand why. Then, in the second frame, she says, "Because we're grown-ups now, it's our turn to decide what that means."

I subscribed to this notion immediately. I really like it.

A few weeks ago, the author drew another comic along the same lines. This one has the same woman, but she's built a fort using the cushions from all the furniture in her apartment. A friend questions her, accusing her of "clinging to childhood games because [she's] afraid of change." She responds, saying that she's not going to stop doing fun things for fear of looking silly. The friend says that that's not very adult of her, but then our protagonist points out her boyfriend within the fort, who excuses himself for his lack of clothing.

Just because I'm graduating from college (hopefully–I don't want to jinx myself with a month to go) doesn't mean I have to leave behind my fascination with cartoons or my general preference to sit on the floor Indian-style rather than in a chair.

It's up to us to decide what "grown-up" is, and when we're ready to define what "grown-up" is, we can choose to accept or reject that definition.

Colin is a senior computer science major with a penchant for journalism. He doesn't really care for social norms outside of his own morality, and generally rejects others' reality in favor of his own.

Pardon my thoughts

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of mind

Easter break has come and gone, and with it, the nice weather. I worry for the class of 2007, as they'll likely need to wear winter coats under their graduation robes.

Easter is a perfect time for quiet reflection and rumination, and I spent much time doing so. The main question I pondered over was one of faith, and I still have yet to answer it.

I am not going to dabble too far in the realm of religion here, as this is hardly the forum for it, but I do have quite a few semi-rhetorical questions for the masses.

What is the best religion?

What would that religion say about being declared the best religion?

Is this religion founded upon the pursuit of happiness, or the suppression and denial of any joy not directly linked to it?

Do the most outspoken members of this best religion continually assert that nonbelievers are going to be punished eternally for the sin of not being introduced to the religion in the course of their lives?

Do these same members speak of the need for boundless compassion?

I think these are valid questions, but I do not mean to imply that any religions are faulty based upon my simple metric.

I really just want to know where I fit.

I try never to deal in absolutes, as "whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods."

That was Einstein, by the way. I like what he had to say, especially the parts about God not being capricious or arbitrary.

I am astounded by the amount of things I cannot know. Right now, someone in Pittsburgh is eating a sandwich. Are the cold-cuts fresh?

Why does Giant Eagle insist on selling non-Heinz "ketchup?"

If I cannot know the answers to these two simple questions, or refuse to acknowledge that generic catsup might be palatable to some, how can I truly understand the nature of the universe?

The answer is simple: I cannot.

Pascal's wager seems sound: it is better to have faith and receive nothing than to believe in nothing and suffer eternally.

But it all comes down to faith.

Faith that we believe the right things. Faith that we can live up to the expectations placed upon us. Faith in our understanding of those expectations.

Metaphysics are hardly my thing. I continually end up dabbling in them, but simply because I am continually refining what it is that I believe. I have no idea what is actually going on, and I really should just keep my mouth shut and spend more time studying.

I know this is hardly the place for this, but I had to write once on the subject, even though I can barely form half of a coherent thought. I guess I should stick to paraphrasing the work of others.

From Kurt Vonnegut's 1965 novel "God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater":

"Hello, babies. Welcome to Earth. It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter. It's round and wet and crowded. At the outside, babies, you've got about a hundred years here. There's only one rule that I know of, babies – 'God damn it, you've got to be kind.'"

I think that may be a good place to start, perhaps even a good place to end.

So it goes.

Bill is a senior computer science major. He enjoys tea, the work of the late Kurt Vonnegut and midnight trips to Sheetz. He expresses his condolences to the world on the loss of one of its greatest writers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Administration should respect Saturday night services, too

As the president of an organization on campus that meets on Sunday nights, I am well aware of the campus rule that we are not allowed to have anything during Vespers time.

This time is 6:45 pm – 8:15 pm in order for anyone on campus who would like to go to Vespers can attend Vespers. I believe this is a perfectly reasonable rule so that no one is forced to choose between their own religious practices and another organization or function.

As many people on this campus are aware, there are many Catholic students who attend Westminster College.

As a Catholic on campus, I have a grievance to present to this campus. We have Mass on campus on Saturday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. While this is a Catholic Mass, we invite everyone on campus to come and worship with us, and many weeks we have non-Catholics joining us for Mass.

There are often many other things happening on campus on Saturday nights. For example the movie in Mueller begins at 8:00pm, and often CPC has events planned, like the murder mystery dinner that took place a few weeks ago. Sometimes these events are planned during the time for Mass; the murder mystery dinner began at 6:30pm.

Also, Sing n' Swing takes place on a Saturday night. Every year we change the time of mass to 6:00pm so that students can come to mass and go to this event.

If our campus will not ask people to choose between going to Vespers and another meeting or event, why do they force Catholics to choose between going to Mass and attending on-campus events?

I realize that one could argue that it is possible to go to Mass Sunday mornings at another church, but there are no Catholic churches within walking distance, and for the members of our campus community that do not have a car, Mass on Saturday nights is their only option for attending church weekly.

If this campus is willing to shut down for Vespers, then I do not see why they could not do the same for Mass on Saturday nights. One hour is not a huge sacrifice when it allows students on this campus to worship God in their own tradition.

Michelle Johnston
Sophomore

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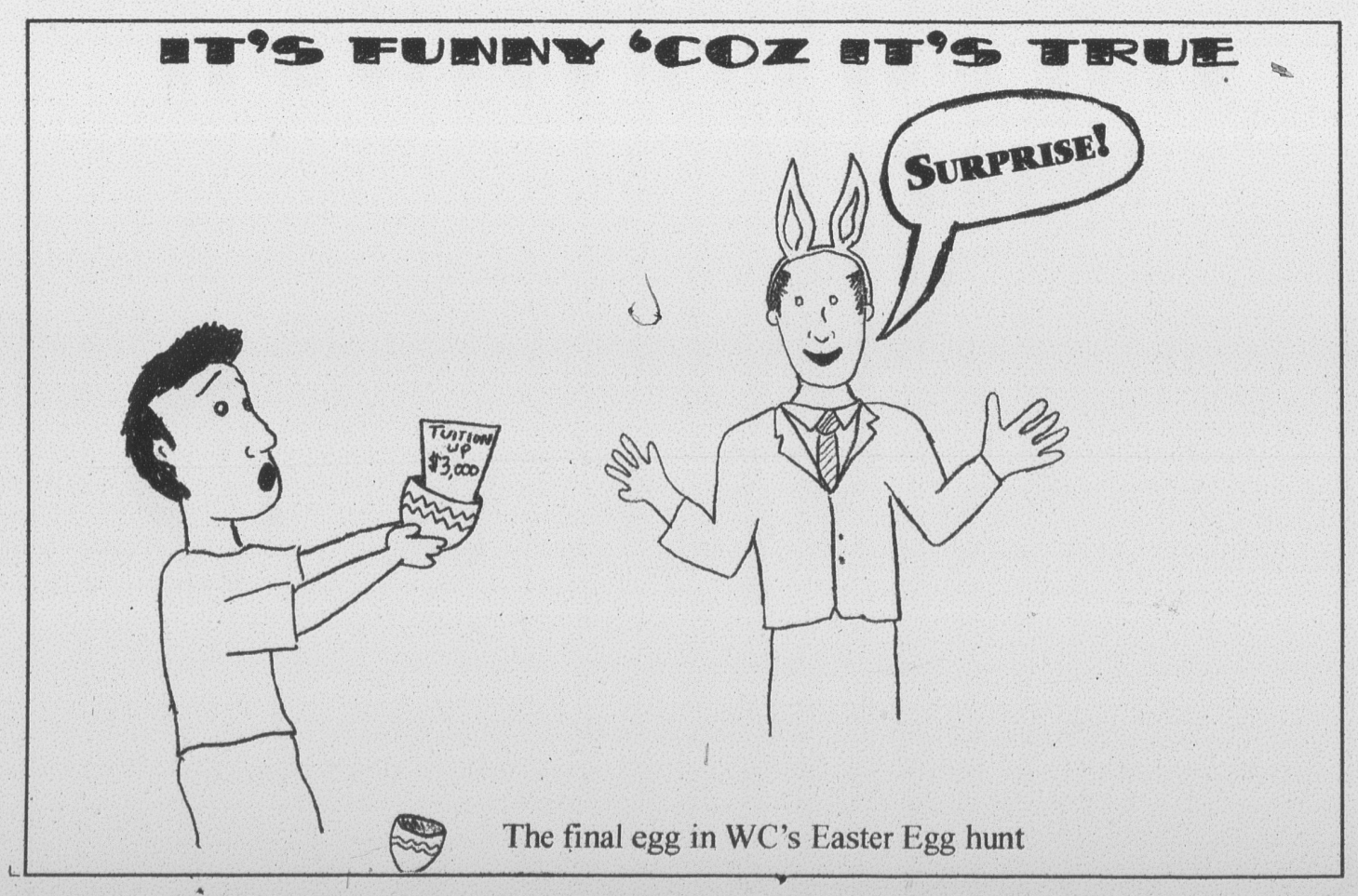

The final egg in WC's Easter Egg hunt

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Outside the Bubble

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NATIONAL

Bush: No Child Left Behind not meant to punish schools, but to help them

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, acknowledging public frustration over his No Child Left Behind Act, said Thursday the point of the law is not to punish schools that fall short, but to help them.

Bush suggested the White House and its allies must do a better job of explaining the goal of holding schools accountable.

Congress is working on renewing the law, which remains unpopular in many districts nationwide.

"It is important for all of us to make it clear that accountability is not a way to punish anybody," Bush told supporters of the law in a meeting at the White House. "It's an essential component to making sure that our system, our education system, frankly is not discriminatory."

Bush got unified support from the group of business, education and civil rights leaders he invited to the Roosevelt Room. They spoke of economic competitiveness and social justice.

But even his friendly audience pointed out flaws in the law.

The most common concern was that some states _ free to determine their own academic standards _ are manipulating the law by setting the bar too low for students.

"There have been some states that have been attempting to skirt the act by, in effect, dumbing down their curriculum," said Paul Vallas, CEO of the Philadelphia School District.

No Child Left Behind, approved by Congress early in Bush's first term, is the biggest federal act in a generation. Politically, it is also vital to Bush's agenda and his legacy.

Schools that receive federal aid face sanctions if they don't show yearly progress among their students, including poor children, minorities and limited-English learners.

The result is that schools must give more attention to kids who often struggle the most.

Yet where Bush sees accountability, others see punishment.

Many parents and teachers say schools put too much emphasis on getting kids to pass tests. Bush's support of private-school vouchers has also made critics suspicious of his intentions.

The president seemed aware of these perceptions.

"It's really important for the citizens to understand that I'm a huge believer in the public school systems," Bush said. "I believe our public schools have really made America."

The White House allowed two reporters to sit in on Bush's meeting.

Bush appears to have enough bipartisan support to get the law renewed with its core elements intact, although conservative Republicans oppose it on grounds that it is a federal intrusion.

The law orders states to test children in reading and math in grades three through eight, and once in high school.

Bush offered no commitment on the issue of getting states to raise their standards.

Instead, he defended local control and opposed the idea of judging schools based on a federal test.

The status quo, though isn't working, Bush was told time and again.

State standards are a hodgepodge nationwide, although many states have committed to improve those standards.

Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform and a participant in the meeting, said after that Bush realizes the law needs work..

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Slippery Rock Settles Title IX Lawsuit

SRU officials say they will budget money to enhance women's sports at the university and undergo monitoring for the next three years to ensure compliance with the Title IX federal law.

Last year a dozen female Slippery Rock athletes sued the University after it cut eight sports including women's field hockey, water polo and swimming. SRU cut the sports to save $350,000-despite last minute efforts to keep the field hockey team. A U.S. District Judge ruled the school violated Title IX and must reinstate the women's water polo and swimming teams.

As part of the settlement reached this month, the university will set aside $300,000 to be used over three years on women's sports.

Mercer County Principal Sues Ex-Students for Online Defamation

A Mercer County school principal has slapped four former students with a lawsuit for allegedly posted parody MySpace.com profiles saying he smoked pot, kept beer at school and liked having sex with students. The principal claims the students defamed him by posting lies online.

Eric W. Trosch was co-principal of Hickory High School in Hermitage when the plaintiffs in the lawsuit were students. Trosch says in his lawsuit that the three MySpace profiles created in December 2005 damaged his reputation, humiliated him and hurt his earning capacity.

One of the students involved in this lawsuit was suspended last year by the school district because of the fake MySpace profiles.

REGIONAL

Wild Things stadium renamed

Consol Energy takes over Falconi Field name for next ten years

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) - Falconi Field, home of the Washington Wild Things minor league baseball team, will be known as Consol Energy Park for the next 10 years.

Officials with the team's owners and Consol did not disclose terms Thursday.

"Thanks to the support we've received from sponsors like Consol Energy, we've been able to offer affordable family entertainment, while making critical reinvestments in the operation of and improvements to the complex," said John Swiatek, managing partner of Washington County Family Entertainment, the team's owners.

J. Brett Harvey, president and chief executive officer of the company, which has headquarters nearby in Upper St. Clair, said the naming rights partnership was an example of its commitment to the community.

Besides baseball, the field hosts concerts, fairs and other events.

Allegheny County Jail trying to curb contraband fishing

PITTSBURGH (AP) - You can't get a license for this kind of fishing, but Allegheny County Jail officials said that hasn't stopped some inmates from doing it.

Officials at the 16-story jail, which holds about 2,500 inmates, said some inmates have been dropping weighted strings out of small openings that let air into indoor-outdoor recreation areas in each pod of the facility.

People on the outside then tie contraband, including tobacco and marijuana, to the strings, which are then reeled in by the inmates.

Because the jail has no outside yard, it must allow fresh air to flow through the recreation areas by law, Maj. James Donis, a top jail official, told the Pittsburgh Post Gazette for a story Thursday.

The jail may install security cameras to try to catch the perpetrators.

A barbed-wire fence was also installed on one side of the jail, near a trail that officials believe is used by people who provide the contraband.

Rural jails often have an internal yard that is easier to police, but that's not an option in the industrial area of Pittsburgh where the jail is located.

Patients' private information released from UPMC

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center was trying to figure out how private information for about 80 patients, including names and Social Security numbers and even radiology images of their bodies, wound up on the Internet.

The information was first put on the Web inadvertently in 2005 then taken down. The information from a medical symposium held in 2002 was posted on an area of the Web site where the health system's faculty members are encouraged to share their work and other data, UPMC said in a statement Thursday.

Once the health network discovered patient names and other information were included, it was removed, but somehow it was posted again and remained on the Web site until UPMC was notified again on Tuesday, said Robert Cindrich, a former federal judge who now serves as UPMC's chief attorney.

UPMC was notifying the patients affected and offering to pay for credit protection services, just in case the information might have been used by identity thieves. No financial information about patients was posted, nor were patient addresses or other contact information.

"At this point we are not aware of any evidence to indicate that any of the information on the Web site has been misused," said John Houston, UPMC's vice president of information security and privacy.

INTERNATIONAL

Climate changes to impact food and water supplies globally, affecting millions

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Rising global temperatures could melt Latin America's glaciers within 15 years, cause food shortages affecting 130 million people across Asia by 2050 and wipe out Africa's wheat crop, according to a U.N. report released Tuesday.

The report, written and reviewed by hundreds of scientists, outlined dramatic effects of climate change including rising sea levels, the disappearance of species and intensifying natural disasters. It said 30 percent of the world's coastlines could be lost by 2080.

Scientists with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change outlined details of the report in news conferences around the world Tuesday, four days after they released a written summary of their findings.

The report is the second of three being issued this year; the first dealt with the physical science of climate change and the third will deal with responses to it.

In Mexico City, scientists predicted that global warming could cost the Brazilian rain forest up to 30 percent of its species and turn large swaths into savannah. They said ocean levels are projected to rise 4.3 feet by 2080 and flood low-lying cities including Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Polar ice caps will likely melt, opening a waterway at the North Pole and threatening to make the Panama Canal obsolete, IPCC member Edmundo de Alba said. Warmer waters will spawn bigger and more dangerous hurricanes that will threaten coastlines not traditionally affected by them.

Latin America's diverse ecosystems will struggle with intense droughts and flooding and as many as 70 million people in the region will be left without enough water, according to the report.

"What's clear is places suffering from drought are going to become drier, and places with a large amount of precipitation are going to see an increase in precipitation," de Alba said.

Many Latin American farmers will have to abandon traditional crops such as corn, rice, wheat and sugar as their soil becomes increasingly saline, and ranchers will have to find new ways to feed their livestock, scientists said.

They warned that governments are doing too little to prepare for the changes.

Political Pong: What are the Dems doing?

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

November 7, 2006, Election Day, was a glorious day for Democrats. For the first time since 1994, they regained control of Congress, thus granting them the opportunity to have their opinion be heard as the majority opinion. The new Congress took over in January, and mid-April marks the end of the first 100 days that the 110th Congress has been in session.

The Democrats have been in power for three months now, and already the Republicans are trying to claim that the Democrats are doing nothing. Big surprise, right? Instead of slinging mud at the Republicans, I decided to research what exactly this Congress has done so far. It turns out that the Republicans who claim the Democrats are accomplishing nothing got it all wrong.

Nancy Pelosi has had a rough first 100 days as the new Speaker of the House; however, she has experienced a considerable amount of legislative success thus far. As one of the main leaders of the Democratic Party, she was in charge of the Democrat's platform for reform known as the "100 Hour Plan." During the election, Democrats campaigned under many of the same promises that eventually appeared in the 100 Hour Plan.

The idea behind the plan was to get Congress to pass a series of bills within 100 business hours. Within 87 hours, the House of Representatives passed every measure of the plan. What makes the plan so appealing is its wide range of goals. From cutting students' interest rates on loans in half to passing ethics reform bills, the 100 hour plan flew through the House. At the end of March, a bill passed in the Senate by a vote of 51 to 47 that will begin the withdrawal of troops from Iraq. Except for 2 Republicans who voted with the Democrats in favor of the bill, the votes were essentially split down party lines.

Just in case you still don't believe that the Democrats actually are accomplishing things in this session of Congress, I saved the most crucial part of the plan for last. On January 10, 2007, the House of Representatives passed legislation that would raise the federal minimum wage from $5.15 an hour to $7.25. This was a huge victory for the Democrats as 100 percent of Democrats voted for the raise, but only 40 percent of Republicans voted for it. An even larger victory came when the bill passed in the Senate on February 1.

For the Democrats, the 110th Congress is supposed to be a time of preparation for the 2008 presidential election. They know that they can pass bills in the House and Senate, but controversial bills can be vetoed by President Bush. Unfortunately for the Democrats, they do not have a veto proof number of Congressmen, so most of Bush's vetoes would stand. Ultimately, this creates gridlock in the legislative process, as neither side can accomplish platform goals that are polarizing or too partisan.

When you flip over to Carsen's half of the article, she will attempt to argue that Democrats are not actually accomplishing anything. The truth is that without cooperation by both parties, nothing can be accomplished. The Democrats have set some lofty goals, but they are holding up their end of the deal. With the win in the 2006 election and success in Congress, the Democrats are looking more energized than they have in years. Hopefully, everything will come together for the Democrats in the 2008 presidential election.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

So the first one-hundred days of the new Democratic Congress have passed.

Political analysts use that benchmark to gauge the effectiveness of the beginning of the term, and Democrats made it easy for us to check up on them this year: they set plenty of goals to achieve in the time frame that they weren't shy about publicizing. Have they gotten the job done?

The answer is highly debatable, but I'm not impressed. In the forty three hours of the Congressional Session, Democrats quickly passed six popular bills through the House of Representatives as part of their "Six in 2006" plan.

Many other bills have made it through the House since then. Sounds great, right?

It's more hype than action. The bills reach the Senate and stop there. In fact, none of those first six bills Democrats considered top priorities have reached the President's desk.

These pieces of legislation might become effective someday, but don't be fooled by a false sense of activity.

Sixteen bills from the new legislature have become law. And they're real good ones, too: Ten of them rename federal buildings. That's what I call productivity.

The only thing liberals are actually interested in accomplishing is stopping any attempt by President Bush to get anything done in any kind of policy area.

A two term president in his last two years with a Congress not made up of his own party is nothing but a lame duck, and Democrats are doing everything they can to make his last days as lame as possible.

Since they've been in the backseat for so long, they're attacking issues that are as partisan and difficult as they come.

If Pelosi and the gang actually wanted to accomplish something, they could work on issues like immigration reform and No Child Left Behind, things the president is more likely to work with proactively.

Instead, Speaker Pelosi goes to Syria. Yes ma'am! The woman who is third in line for the presidency travels to a country the President - who is constitutionally responsible for most foreign policy areas - has specifically stopped diplomatic talks with.

He discontinued relations as part of a tough stand against their terror-sponsoring regime. Talk about undermining a clear-cut foreign policy. And further still, the Logan Act disallows this sort of behavior.

How good does it look when someone so high in United States government knowingly goes against the policy of the man in charge? Looks like a vulnerable political situation to me, and probably to every other foreign country looking for a chance to diplomatically or militarily attack the United States.

Democrats made noise over the recent firing of eight federal court judges, as well. I'm not sure why, as they were mostly Republicans and at the end of their terms.

The firings were based on performance. Liberals claim only firing eight is too political, and the actual motives were political too.

Sounds to me like just another distraction from the real issues.

But don't get me wrong. Congratulations, Dems. You've managed to occupy seats and get nothing done but stand in the way of any sort of progress. Now that's impressive.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Relay

Walking event benefits cancer research and awareness

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"It's a social event, but we are there to mainly promote national and community service," said Kristen Bredniak, vice president of service for Alpha Phi Omega.

To start off the relay, Joselyn Parker will sing the National Anthem for the ribbon-cutting at 10:00 a.m.

At noon, cancer survivors will be honored as they take a walk around the track. Later in the afternoon, a helicopter will land on the field.

At dusk, the names of those people who have died from cancer are read out loud. In order to have a name read, people must purchase a luminary that surrounds the track in that person's honor; luminaries cost $10 each. Following the name ceremony, everyone will enjoy a fireworks show.

The day also will be filled with a variety of other activities such as a dunk tank, a water balloon toss, and a punt, pass and kick tournament. In addition, Alpha Sigma Phi members will be selling food and running a silent Chinese auction throughout the day.

Although many students preregistered for the Relay for Life, anyone can show up on the day of the event and walk in the relay. Everyone is invited to participate in the day's activities.

"I love to see the entire campus involved in anything, and with a cause like this, it's even better," Henringer said.

Plays

One Act Festival

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said.

She advises that "some language may not be appropriate for small children, especially at the midnight show."

So, when students usually find themselves sitting around wondering how to spend the evening, the members of Alpha Psi Omega encourage students to consider coming to the festival.

"We hope to see many students come to the show, it's really the audience that makes the festival," Harmon said. "Without their laughter and applause, the festival [and all the work behind the scenes] wouldn't be the same."

The show is free.

Flu

Stomach flu hits student body

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Center," Duda said. "Students who live close enough to the college may have just chosen to go home."

For students who contract the virus, resting in bed is recommended. It is also recommended to not eat or drink anything until two hours after the last episode of vomiting. Avoid items such as coffee and spicy or fried foods until completely recovered. Taking aspirin or ibuprofen is also not recommended, as it will irritate the stomach.

According to Duda, the Health Center normally sees the most cases of this virus in late October to early November, so it is unusual for it to appear this late in the school year.

"This time of year, we're used to seeing allergy symptoms and colds, although we're still seeing some cases of mono every week or so" Duda said.

It is important to remember to wash one's hands in order to maintain good health and avoid touching one's face frequently, as that is an easy way to pick up viruses.

Students organize Passover Seder

By Craig Hannon
Campus writer

Easter is generally the most well-known religious holiday in April, but on April 2, another holiday was celebrated on campus.

Passover is a Jewish holiday and was celebrated this year on April 3 but students and faculty celebrated a Passover Seder on April 2 as a diversity event sponsored by Russell Hall and Residence Life.

The event was held in the Witherspoon Maple Room at the McKelvey campus center. The celebration of the Passover Seder started as a Jewish tradition after the Jewish firstborn males were passed over by the Angel of Death in Egypt.

The Seder consists of horseradish symbolizing the bitterness of slavery, roasted egg symbolizing mourning, parsley dipped into salt water symbolizing the tears shed during slavery, lettuce used in addition to the horseradish, a combination of apples, nuts, and spices symbolizing the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves to build structures, a beet symbolizing the blood of the Paschal lamb sacrifice, and motzoh (unleavened bread) symbolizing the bread made by the Jews as they were leaving Egypt in a hurry.

The Seder was organized by Dr. Beverly Cushman, a professor of religion, but the event was originally conceived by student Craig Dressler.

"Stephen Sumpter and I approached Dr. Beverly Cushman, professor of religion, to lead a Passover Seder on campus," said Dressler. "The Seder was a great success, it united the campus in a new way."

Although Passover is a Jewish holiday, the Seder was not reserved just for Jewish students. It was open to any and all students that wanted to attend to better understand the Jewish religion and their holiday.

"Not only did we think that the Seder would be a great learning experience, but we also thought it would be a great way for Christians to better understand the Jewish roots," said Dressler, who is a Christian tradition major. "The Seder was for the community of all faiths to unite during one of the holiest times of the year."

The faculty leader of the event was Dr. Beverly Cushman, a professor of religion and Christianity. Cushman noted the event as a great opportunity for the religious community on campus.

"For one evening, Jews and Christians and people of other faiths gathered together around the elements of the Seder and celebrated this salvation event as a family," said Cushman. "The Jewish Seder with its theme of salvation from bondage is the tradition out of which the Christian sacrament of communion arises."

This was the first year that the Seder was held, but hopes of more events similar to this one are in the works. Cushman hopes to be a part of more events like the Seder.

"It was a real honor to be asked to preside at the first Jewish Seder held on the campus of Westminster College," said Cushman. "I was even more honored when some of the Jewish professors and students trusted me with this sacred event. It is my hope that this will open the door to other occasions for sharing our religious traditions."

For more information on the Jewish Seder or any thought or ideas on any other religious events, please contact Dr. Beverly Cushman at her e-mail address cushmabw@westminster.edu or Craig Dressler at dresslcm@westminster.edu.

Presidential search committee formed

By Chris Lehberger
Campus writer

With the recent announcement of Tom Williamson's retirement as president of the college, a search committee has been assembled to begin searching for a replacement.

Consisting of 14 members, the fourteenth presidential search committee is designed to represent the college community. The committee includes members of the faculty, board of trustees, administration, and a student representative from SGA.

Campus liaison Gloria Cagigas approves of the committee.

"Members of the search committee are great representatives of their various college constituencies," Cagigas said.

However, election of the president is not just based on who the committee recommends. The students have a voice as well.

Dr. Leonard Carroll, chair of the search committee, will host sessions opened to the campus where students may come in and ask questions to voice their concerns concerning the election of the next president. With student opinion in mind, the committee will be able to put a profile together to help find the right president.

"I believe having students from the college give their input provides for an unbiased selection," junior Jack Marti said. "The next president of the college should have beliefs, values, and goals that reflect the student body and not just the search committee."

The use of a committee to elect a president is nothing new. Search committees have been used in the past to elect presidents. However, the committee does not work alone; it works in partnership with a professional search firm.

When the committee met two weeks ago, there was a unanimous vote to hire the Washington, D.C. based firm "Academic Search Consultation Service," With senior consultant Dr. James P. Ferrare at the helm, this search consultation service has experience in searching for presidents, vice presidents, and deans for church affiliated and independent liberal arts schools. This service helped to elect president Williamson.

The job of the search committee is to not elect the new president, but to find, rate, and recommend candidates to the board of trustees, who vote to elect the president.

"I believe that entrusting the presidential search committee with the responsibility of recommending a candidate to the Board of Trustees is an effective process," senior Matt Kerns said. "It ensures that an organized and focused group of individuals delve deeply and thoughtfully into finding a new president."

The presidential candidates will come to campus in late summer or early fall and will be rated by the committee. The committee hopes to identify the new president by late '07 or early '08.

The Holcad wins award

By Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

The Holcad has once again achieved a first-place ranking in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual review.

The ASPA judges submitted collegiate and high school newspapers on a variety of categories from content and page design to editing and creativity.

The Holcad has been ranked first at least five times, and has maintained the first place ranking for the past three volumes (CXXV - 2005, CXXVI- 2006 and CXXVII - 2007).

It won first place with special merit in 1996 and 1997.

In addition to the ranking, photography editor Laura DellAntonio, junior, received honors for her photograph entitled "Titans fall to Gators" from the September 9, 2006 edition of *The Holcad*.

"I'm overjoyed to be working for such an outstanding publication," DellAntonio said. "I really liked the 'Gators' photograph and am very pleased with its 'Best Photograph' laurels."

The newspaper scored higher than or equal to three of last year's scores. It was lower in two others, but the ASPA judges gave suggestions which the editorial staff will take to heart.

"*The Holcad* is good now, but it's getting even better," managing editor Jenn Corkadel, junior, said.

The ASPA also rated a number of area colleges and universities. In Westminster's same size category, Seton Hill University's *Setonian* was awarded first place with special merit and Waynesburg College's *Yellow Jacket* won first place.

In other size categories, Dusquesne University's *Duqesne Duke* and Elizabethtown College's *Etownian* won first place with special merit. Drexel University's *Triangle* and Youngstown State University's *Jambar* won first place. Butler County Community College's *CUBE* won second place.

Clemente, Jr. speaks

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Roberto Clemente Jr. spoke to Westminster students, athletes, and other community members in Orr Auditorium on Wednesday April 11, 2007.

The major league baseball player and Latin American sportscaster spoke enthusiastically of his life experience, primarily in relation to athletics. He is the son of well-known Pittsburgh Pirate Roberto Clemente, who was the first player to bat 3,000 hits in MLB history, but later, died in a tragic plane crash when Clemente Jr. was just six years old.

Amanda Ratliff, Titan swim team member, attended the event and recalled how Clemente Jr. spoke of his life.

"He spoke highly of his father who had a successful baseball career," Ratliff said. At first he said he did not like being compared to his father, but he eventually gained respect for him because he was an admirable person."

According to Clemente Jr., his father endured adversity as a baseball player due to racism. He and his son were both born in Puerto Rico, but during the mid 1900s, discrimination against African Americans was commonplace, and Clemente was often grouped in with this stereotype. Clemente Jr. spoke with admiration not only for his achievements in baseball, but also for his bravery and consideration for others. Clemente Jr. said that his father was actually on his way to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua when his plane went down in 1972.

Titan football player Eric Brown felt Clemente Jr. spoke to inspire students.

"He was motivational because he made you feel like you could do whatever you wanted," Brown said. "He said his father's parents wanted their son to be an engineer, but he followed his own dreams to become a baseball player.

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Campus News

Library renovations underway

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Though not directly visible to students, construction crews are currently hard at work on the $6 million McGill library renovation project.

It takes only a simple walk down the currently closed off stairs to the bottom floor of the building to see that changes are obviously underway.

The floor resembles a typical worksite with its exposed concrete infrastructure, massive drilling machines, and sawdust scattered throughout. According to Kenneth Romig, vice president of financial management services, the construction process is going well should eventually produce favorable results

"We may have to take a little more time than originally planned, but everything is going smoothly and I feel students will like the end result," Romig said

The renovations were supposed to be completed by next fall, but due to unexpected obstacles, the structure of the bottom floor needed some extra attention to correctly stabilize the new compact shelving units.

"When the library was originally constructed, it was never anticipated that it would need to hold as much weight at the compact shelving units contain," Romig said.

According to Romig, the ground floor of the library was constructed with concrete that was about 4 inches thick. With the new compact shelving units being installed, it was thought that the floor would not withstand the weight of the shelves, especially when filled with books, which add even more weight.

"The construction crews are drilling into the old concrete, and digging into the ground in order to make the floor thicker," Romig said. "When finished, the floor will be about 6-8 inches thick."

Once the flooring in the basement is stabilized, all of the books and furniture will be moved from the Ferguson room into the basement, so construction on that room can begin.

Changes to the Ferguson room will include new carpeting, roof repairs, compact shelving, and study carols designed for group study instead of individual.

Romig explained that even though the majority of work is being done while students are away on break, some things need to be done now in order to stay on schedule.

"We worked it out with the construction crew so that they start in the early morning before the library opens and finish by early evening, hopefully, before most students are out of class," Romig said. "We want to create the smallest amount of disturbance possible for students during this process."

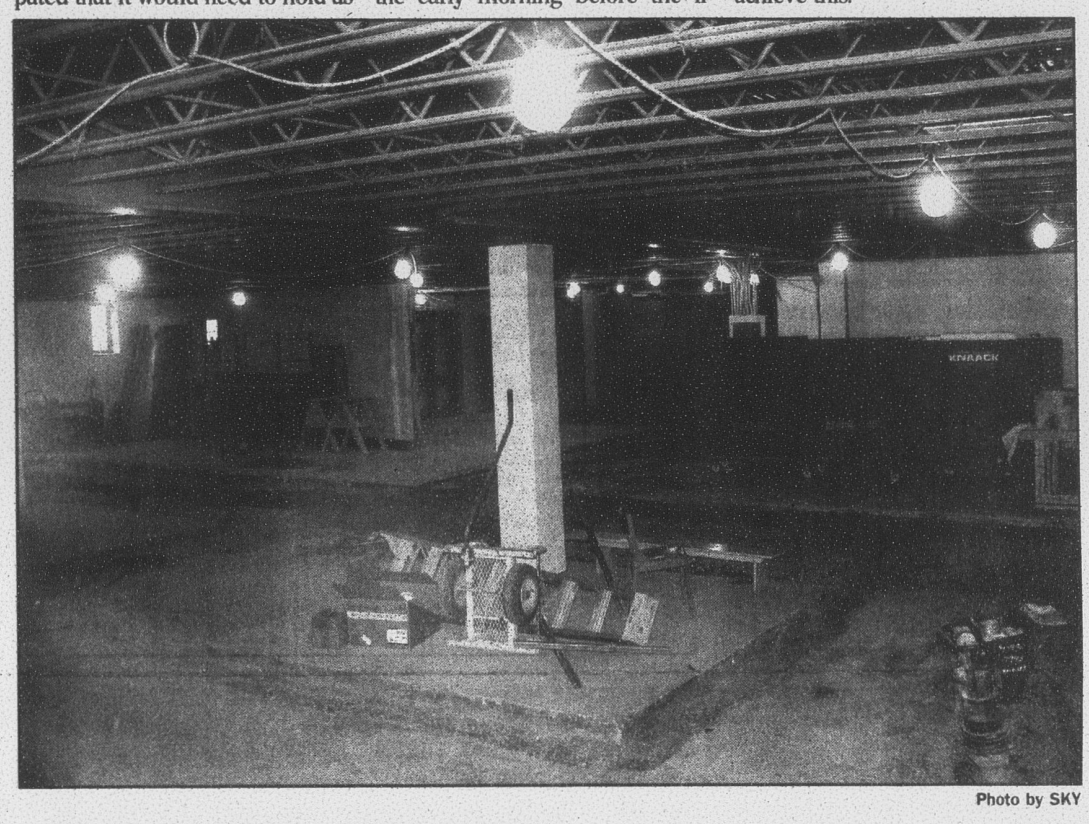
Romig emphasized that if students are willing to endure some noise now, the end results will be well worth it. One project students should soon look out for year is the remodeling of the elevator to make it operable and handicap accessibility.

Over the summer, the computer lab room will be turned in to a "community lounge room" with comfortable chairs, magazines and books.

The new computer lab will be moved to, what is now, administrative office space. Also, the library's heating and air conditioning system will be updated to better regulate the building's air flow.

Romig said one possible change in the plan was the idea of changing the entrance location.

"We are still working with the architect to design an entrance that is cost efficient, attractive, and most importantly, handicap accessible, "Romig said." It may remain in its original location in order to achieve this."



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The library is undergoing serious renovations.

Sophomore honorary collects used clothes

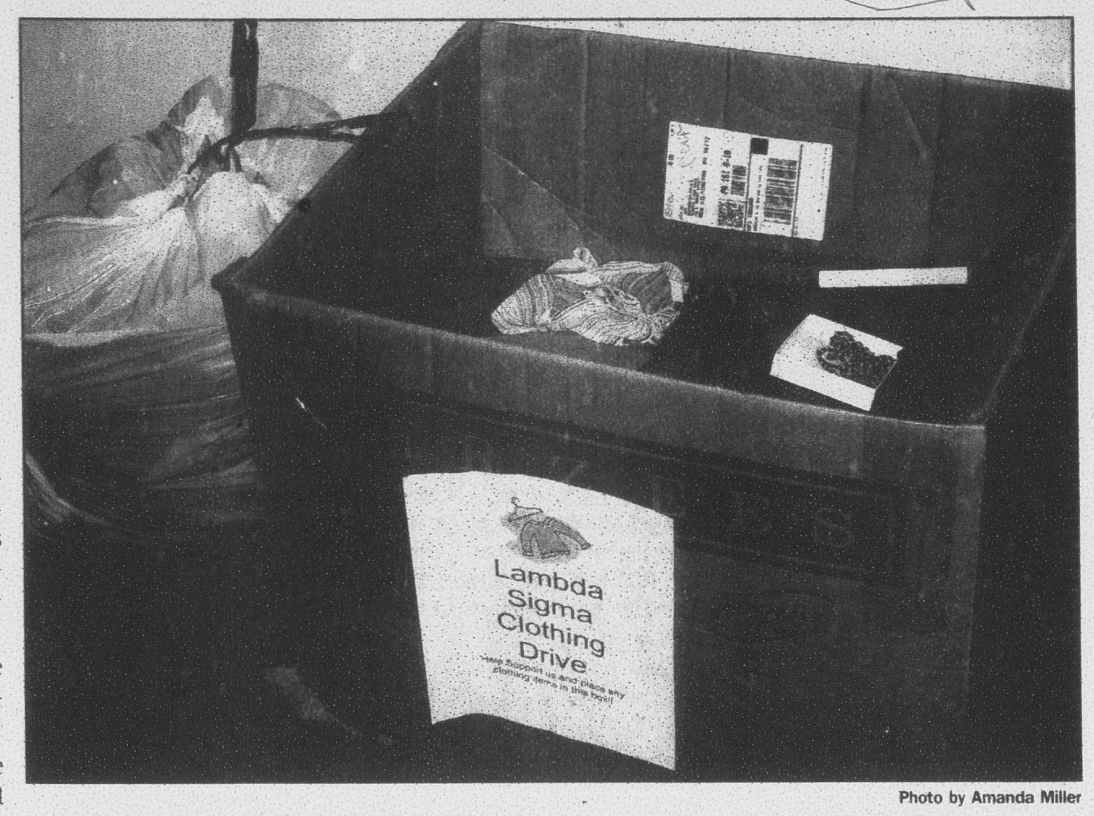

Photo by Amanda Miller

Lambda Sigma collects clothes through these drop-off points scattered throughout the campus.

By Tom Benoit
Campus writer

Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, has set the example of how to do service projects and better the town of New Wilmington.

The organization has been on campus for over two decades and shows no signs of slowing down.

It is a prestigious group that only admits less than 10 percent of the first year class. It looks to create better leaders, students, and people by doing many service projects which benefit the campus, the New Wilmington Borough, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods.

The projects have been a large success mainly due to its attitude toward the projects that better the campus community and surrounding town.

"Our membership is very active and seek to contribute to the community in any way that they can," sophomore Brett Hoover said.

These projects include sending cards to soldiers in Iraq, sending holiday cards to the elderly, singing Christmas carols at the Shenango home and putting a team together to participate in Relay For Life.

A clothing drive was recently held to benefit the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter. The drive was a success and there are a lot of clothes that are going to the shelter.

"The clothing drive was a huge success and bags upon bags of clothes were donated by the campus community," sophomore Conor Simpson said. "We were really happy with the way that everything turned out."

Lambda Sigma held a breakfast for students that are interested in joining the group last week. They also had a banquet for the new members where new officers for the upcoming year were voted on.

The group is also looking to better itself in front of its national headquarters and the campus community. They recently held a raffle to help them achieve this.

"We did not receive honor status last year and we are really trying to get that back again," Sophomore Kristen Van Sickel said.

Although the end of the year is almost here, Lambda Sigma does not plan to stop doing projects. They are planning to go to the Shanango home to plant flowers as well as help out with the Relay For Life.

The group is still collecting clothes. They can be placed in the drop-off boxes throughout campus.

SGA NOTES

April 11, 2007 meeting:

- Philanthropies will be allowed to set up booths during Volleyrock.
- Monday, April 23rd will be the first day of Volleyrock sign ups in the TUB.
- There are 29 Senators in attendance.
- At the Borough meeting, Liz Farry was recognized as an outstanding college correspondent and Sue Ligo invited all students to use the public pool in New Wilmington Park during the summer.
- The theme for the homecoming floats will be "board games."
- International Cultures Club needs support if anyone is interested.
- Student Organization of the Month is Theta Chi.

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Campus News

Two campus organizations attend conferences

By Jordan Flaim
Campus writer

March was busy for both the Green Party and Amnesty International, as they traveled to Philadelphia and Washington D.C., respectively, to discuss global issues.

On March 24, Marissa Danney, Ethan Frey and Ann Ebhojiaye represented Westminster's Green Party and traveled to the University of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, to attend a PowerShift conference.

The main focus of the conference was current environmental issues. The conference included a panel of speakers who discussed alternate fuels and oil usage, global warming and more efficient uses of agriculture.

At the conclusion of the conference there was an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

"It was nice to see a wide variety people, from all age groups, willing to learn about the scientific world and how we can be more energy efficient," sophomore Marissa Danney said. "Everything was free, which was also nice."

The last week of March was National Darfur-Awareness week, which focused on the human rights issues occurring in Darfur, Sudan.

During that week the Green Party set-up a booth in the TUB with petitions that could be signed. These petitions would then be sent to Washington D.C. Along with the petitions, letters and postcards were available to send to local representatives, in order to address the issue on both the local and national level.

The Green Party also held a special on-campus showing of a Darfur documentary, which contained direct testimonies and real situations involving Darfur citizens. The documentary allowed students and faculty to observe how these citizens are being abused physically and emotionally.

"It opened up my eyes that there's a world outside New Wilmington, and helped me be aware that there's more to life than what's right in front of me," junior Amy Whitling said. "I really took a lot away from it."

In conjunction with National Darfur-Awareness week, Amnesty International traveled to Washington D.C. on March 30 and 31 to participate in protests concerning the issues in Darfur.

Ethan Frey, Ann Ebhojiaye and Jelena Gerga represented the group and protested in support of Chinese intervention in Darfur. The students, along with 100 other protesters, held signs and posters voicing their opinion.

"The protest was very successful with a good turn out," freshman Frey said. "It was a perfect opportunity to voice our opinions."

The Green Party and Amnesty International were able to focus and demonstrate their opinions, respectively, throughout the protests, awareness week and conference.

Photo by Amanda Miller

Members of the Green Party pause for a moment during a meeting.

Campus addresses energy efficiency

By Kathryn Zetzer
Campus writer

Pursuing energy conservation is common sense on a campus where energy costs continue to climb. It creates a moral way to do the right thing, and that is why the college is incorporating an environmental effort as part of its overall philosophy.

A small group of faculty including Professor Joe Balczon, Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman and Assistant Director of Residence Life Matt Shaffer have been examining the energy use on campus. The data collected from the past few years is in the process of being analyzed. Residence Life staff was recently challenged to help by passing out preliminary energy audit forms to their halls to collect information about the energy used in the residence halls.

This is the first step taken by the faculty to create a comprehensive energy audit for the entire College.

Once the information is analyzed, specific areas will be targeted. Main concerns include water conservation, heating efficiency and electrical proficiency.

"I believe that the College is on the right track to increasing energy efficiency. The first step is increasing awareness, and the interest I have seen from the administration, students and faculty has been very positive," Dr. Shahroukh Mistry said. "The next step is to come up with a comprehensive energy plan that allows us to keep moving in this direction."

Increasing energy efficiency on campus is going to be an involved process. Structural change as well as behavioral change are necessary to create a successful energy strategy.

These kinds of changes have already started to take place with geothermal units being installed in the townhouses. While behavioral changes are the responsibility of each individual, residence halls have the potential to have the most effect.

"We are now considering what sorts of things we [students, faculty, staff] can do to further conserve energy such as turning off lights, ensuring computers are turned off or left in sleep mode, continuing to move fluorescent lights throughout the campus, repairing/replacing windows that are not energy efficient and looking at automatic apparatus that turn off sinks at specific washing intervals." Dean Edman said.

This is the first semester that the topic is being brought to the attention of the student body.

In the upcoming fall semester there will be many reminders and possibly even a coffeehouse to motivate the campus to take an active role.

"Next fall we will be doing a little more to get the message out because any little thing we can do to help the global problem will be worthwhile," Shaffer said.

Amnesty raises awareness for child soldiers of Uganda

By Liz McLaughlin
Campus writer

Amnesty International is sponsoring "Give Peace a Hand" on April 14 at 8 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge to raise awareness about the child soldier problem in Uganda.

The event will include artwork, musical performances and poetry readings. The work of each artist and performer will pertain to peace and the ending of war. Performers include Rebecca Baily, Marissa Danney, Veronica Geretz and Karen Vesley.

"Most likely I will be reading either a song or poem pertaining to peace while Rebecca Baily elegantly plays the guitar in the background," sophomore Veronica Geretz said. "I would hope that there are more people in attendance for this because this is a subject of focus that should be the center of a lot of what we do."

The event is free to attend, but donations will be greatly accepted. Amnesty International will be selling bracelets to help the cause. In addition, letters which Amnesty International will send to politicians will be available to sign.

"The most important thing we're doing is trying to give awareness to people about this child soldier problem," junior Jelena Gerga said. "If they're inspired enough, then they can go out on their own to see how they can help the situation."

In another effort to raise awareness, Amnesty International held a viewing of the documentary "Invisible Children" on Tuesday, April 10. According to this documentary, the struggle in Uganda has been going on since the mid-1980s. The struggle consists of the Lord's Resistance Army trying to overthrow the Ugandan government. The LRA has begun abducting children and forcing them to become soldiers.

"What Amnesty International is doing is so fundamental and uncontroversial," said Dr. Kristin Park, associate professor of sociology. "They are trying to protect basic decency and human rights; no one should be abducted or tortured."

More than one and a half million Ugandans currently live in refugee camps, where it is estimated that there are nearly 1,000 deaths per week because of the appalling conditions of the camps. According to the documentary "Invisible Children," since the beginning of this struggle, two million have died and five million have been displaced from their homes; this struggle is now known as the "hidden holocaust."

According to the United Nations Website, almost 90 percent of the LRA's soldiers are minors. It is estimated that since the 1980s, 30,000 children have been abducted to become child soldiers or the "wives" of rebels. These numbers are rising every day with 10,000 children being abducted in the last 18 months.

Students to go "Coast to Coast for a Cure"

Two students to bike across America in support of Lance Armstrong Foundation

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Senior Adam Rady and junior Nick Keagle plan to bike across the United States to raise money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) in a campaign called "Coast to Coast for a Cure."

The team estimates that the trip from Plymouth, MA to San Francisco will take two months, and the duo hopes to leave at the end of May.

"My aunt just passed away this fall from cancer, and this sort of became my way to honor her memory," explains Rady.

Keagle and Rady are officially indorsed by the LAF, and hope to uphold the mission statement of that organization:

"The Lance Armstrong Foundation inspires and empowers people affected by cancer. We help people with cancer focus on living; we believe unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything. From the moment of diagnosis, the LAF provides the practical information and tools people with cancer need to live life on their own terms," the LAF website explains.

Keagle and Rady hope not only to raise money, but also to create awareness and support throughout their venture. The donated money will help finance the trip and be donated to the LAF.

While it's been difficult to extensively train for the trip while balancing school, extracurricular activities, and organizing their venture.

Members of the men's swimming team, the two hope to rely on their swimming conditioning, but plan to immerse themselves in serious bicycle training later in the semester.

While on the road the team will carry their luggage on their bikes and will stay at homes of family and friends, YMCAs, camping sites, churches, and county jails.

The twosome will hold a Chinese auction in the clubroom May 1 from 6-11 and hope to set an all campus event involving a cookout and concert.

Those wishing to make a donation or offer lodging should approach Keagle or Rady during lunch or dinner in the TUB; donations can also be sent to mail box 472.

To show support, join the Facebook group "Coast to Coast for a Cure," and any further questions can be e-mailed to c2c4acure@yahoo.com.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 48°	High 48°	High 38°	High 37°	High 44°	High 50°	High 57°
Low 29°	Low 2x°	Low 32°	Low 32°	Low 33°	Low 35°	Low 37°
Windy with variable cloudiness	Rather cloudy with a shower	Windy and colder with snow	Cloudy, windy and cold	A couple of showers possible	Mostly cloudy and warmer	Cloudy, then rain

Weather History

Five inches of snow thwarted plans for opening day of the major league baseball season in Boston on April 13, 1933. Snow has fallen on the Massachusetts coast as late as the beginning of May.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi Lo W	Saturday Hi Lo W	Sunday Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	Tuesday Hi Lo W
Akron, OH	48 31 c	44 28 r	38 31 sn	38 31 c	51 34 sh
Butler, PA	46 30 c	46 29 r	38 33 sn	37 31 c	43 34 sh
Cambridge, OH	48 31 c	48 30 r	45 34 r	42 33 c	55 35 pc
Canton, OH	48 29 c	45 28 r	38 31 sn	39 32 c	52 34 pc
Cincinnati, OH	52 35 c	50 32 r	48 33 r	54 36 pc	60 41 pc
Clarion, PA	46 29 sf	46 27 c	38 31 sn	36 31 sn	39 32 sh
Clarksburg, WV	49 36 c	46 37 r	46 32 r	38 33 sn	55 37 sh
Cleveland, OH	48 30 c	42 28 c	42 34 sn	35 35 c	50 37 pc
Columbus, OH	50 35 c	46 30 r	48 33 r	46 34 pc	56 39 pc
Cumberland, MD	50 33 sh	48 34 r	44 32 r	39 33 sn	44 35 sh
Erie, PA	44 30 sf	41 28 c	41 32 sn	33 33 c	40 34 sh
Franklin, PA	44 29 sf	46 26 c	38 31 sn	37 32 c	39 33 sh
Greensburg, PA	48 31 c	49 31 r	41 33 sn	37 35 sn	43 36 sh
Greenville, PA	44 27 c	46 27 c	38 32 sn	38 32 c	43 33 sh
Grove City, PA	46 29 c	46 27 c	38 32 sn	37 32 c	41 34 sh
Hagerstown, MD	54 34 pc	49 34 r	45 34 r	41 33 sn	45 35 sh
Indiana, PA	44 33 sh	44 27 r	41 33 sn	37 34 sn	37 36 sh
Jamestown, NY	44 26 sf	40 25 c	43 31 sn	33 29 sn	36 33 sh
Kittanning, PA	48 28 sh	47 29 r	38 33 sn	39 33 sn	41 35 sh
Lisbon, OH	48 28 c	48 28 r	38 33 sn	36 33 c	51 34 sh
Mansfield, OH	48 29 c	44 27 r	42 31 sn	41 31 c	50 34 pc
Marietta, OH	54 30 c	51 33 r	48 34 r	43 34 c	57 39 pc
McKeesport, PA	48 33 c	48 34 r	40 33 sn	37 35 sn	45 36 sh
Meadville, PA	44 29 sh	42 28 c	40 30 sn	37 31 c	41 34 sh
Morgantown, WV	48 36 c	44 34 r	43 34 sn	39 33 sn	47 36 sh
New Castle, PA	48 30 c	47 29 r	38 32 sn	37 33 c	44 34 sh
Oil City, PA	44 30 sf	45 27 c	38 32 sn	38 32 c	40 33 sh
Pittsburgh, PA	48 35 c	45 30 r	39 34 sn	38 34 c	44 37 sh
Sharon, PA	44 28 c	46 27 c	38 33 sn	36 33 c	44 33 sh
Somerset, PA	44 29 sh	40 29 r	36 28 sn	33 30 sn	38 31 sh
Steubenville, OH	48 33 c	48 31 r	44 31 r	38 31 c	51 36 sh
Uniontown, PA	48 31 c	48 34 r	40 34 sn	39 33 sn	46 36 sh
Warren, OH	44 29 c	44 27 c	38 32 sn	40 33 c	50 33 sh
Washington, PA	48 33 c	45 31 r	40 32 sn	39 33 c	44 36 sh
Waynesburg, PA	48 32 c	47 33 r	44 33 r	38 33 sn	45 35 sh
Wheeling, WV	48 34 c	46 33 r	43 30 sn	38 30 c	52 36 sh
Youngstown, OH	44 28 c	43 27 c	38 33 sn	37 33 c	50 33 sh
Wooster, OH	46 29 c	42 27 r	38 31 sn	40 31 c	51 35 pc
Zanesville, OH	48 33 c	46 31 r	45 35 r	42 32 c	55 36 pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Sports

Titans fall against rival W&J

By Bob Long
Staff writer

In recent play, the Titans faced conference rival Washington and Jefferson in a mid-season double header. The Titans, who have played sub-par so far this season, dropped back to back games against the PAC leaders on April 9th. Both games were played at W&J in Ross Memorial Park.

The Titans, two games below .500 on the season, came into the game against the best team in the division. Westminster played well only losing by a combined 5 runs on the day.

Robison, the starting pitcher in game one of the doubleheader, only allowed six hits in a losing effort while striking out two. Though the Titans lost they out hit their opponents 8-6 in game one.

The big hitters for Westminster were second baseman Donnie Kirkwood and short stop Nick Maiorano with two hits each. The Titans played a very solid game but faltered in the in the 3rd and the 6th innings giving up two runs per inning.

The key to the Presidents victory in game 1 was base running. W&J stole three more bases than the Titans allowing for three runs in the game. The final score of game 1 was 4-1 with Robison receiving a loss for the game.

In game two, the starting pitcher for the Titans was Tony Cunningham, who gave up 9 hits in the game. He faced off against the 2-0 starter for W&J who gave up only three hits in the game. To go along with his mere three hits Poole had four strikeouts, two less then Cunningham.

The Presidents came out strong, scoring runs in both the 1st and the 3rd innings. The Presidents were led by the batting of right fielder Pellis who went 2-3 on the day. The Presidents batted an astonishing .341 in game number 2 to secure the win over Westminster.

The Titans are back in action at home on April 14th against the Thiel Tomcats. It will be a 9 inning game as opposed to the usual 7 inning college showdown. The Tomcats are 4th on the PAC and will be anxious to face a struggling Westminster ball club. The game will start at 1 p.m.

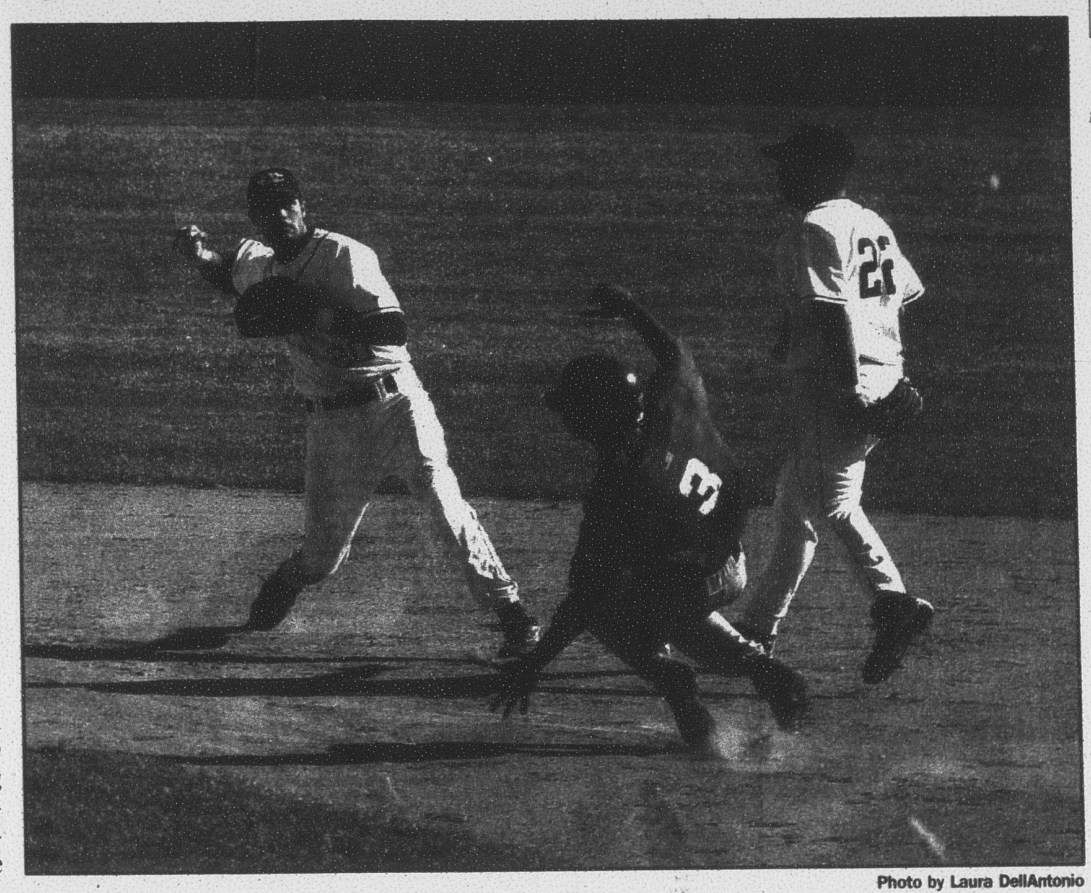


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sophomore shortstop Nick Maiorano and junior second baseman Donnie Kirkwood team up for a double play during the Titans 10-2 home-opener win against Waynesburg March 30.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Pens and Sens: a tough battle

What is it that knows no speed except for full throttle, has not been part of a "hockey night" in Pittsburgh since the days of Super Mario, and may not last long enough to see Sidney Crosby with facial hair?

Memo to the Pittsburgh Penguins: The answer to this riddle is playoff hockey.

Wednesday night's playoff opener in Ottawa revealed what every Penguins critic has brought to the table all season long - lack of toughness and suspect goaltending. From the time the puck first hit the ice, the Senators played as if the Penguins had stolen their girlfriends. Not even two minutes into the game, the Pens had surrendered one of what would be six goals.

The comforting fact for the Penguins optimist is that, although the Penguins were outplayed in every facet of the game, the score after game one of a seven game series is still only one game to none.

Going into the playoffs, Ottawa was one of the teams I hoped the Penguins would avoid meeting for several reasons, with the top four being:

1. The Senators have playoff experience galore. Since the '97 season, the Senators have failed to reach the postseason only once.

2. Of all the Eastern Conference teams the Pens have faced this season, Sidney Crosby has the fewest points when facing Ottawa. Ottawa and Coach Bryan Murray know how to take Sidney Crosby out the game.

3. Ottawa boasts arguably the strongest line in hockey. When Daniel Alfredsson, Dany Heatley, and Jason Spezza skate together, there is no better line in the NHL.

4. Barry "Mullet Man" Melrose and his mullet, Barry Jr., picked the Penguins to lose if they were to meet the Senators in their quest for Lord Stanley's Cup.

Beating the Senators will certainly be a tall task for the Pens, but it is one that I believe the Penguins will be up to. With such a young team, it is understandable that the Penguins were not used to the speed of playoff hockey.

Even after the tough game one loss, I still believe our Penguins will be the victors for these four reasons:

1. We have the best player in the NHL. Sid the Kid led the league in scoring and is the most electric player in the game. Ottawa can try everything to shut Sid down. In the end, Sid will carry the Penguins to the series win.

2. The nerves have been calmed. The Penguins young players have all had a significant accomplishment in Game One that should help to take the edge off in Game Two. Sidney Crosby and Jordan Staal each recorded their first career playoff goal while Evgeni Malkin notched a mark in the scoring column by assisting Sergei Gonchar's goal.

3. Leadership and resiliency. Veteran leaders and assistant captains Mark Recchi and Sergei Gonchar have both tallied two points in the opening game of this year's playoffs. The Penguins have been "Langed" the "Cardiac kids" because they have played in more overtime games than any other team in the NHL. It has been that resiliency that has led the Penguins on comebacks time and time again this season.

4. WE BELIEVE! Pittsburgh fans are far superior to Ottawa fans. The Penguins sold out more home games than any other team in the NHL. It will be the Pittsburgh faithful that will propel the Pens to a home sweep of the Senators en route to their first playoff series win sans Super Mario.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Softball team prepares for Case Western Reserve today

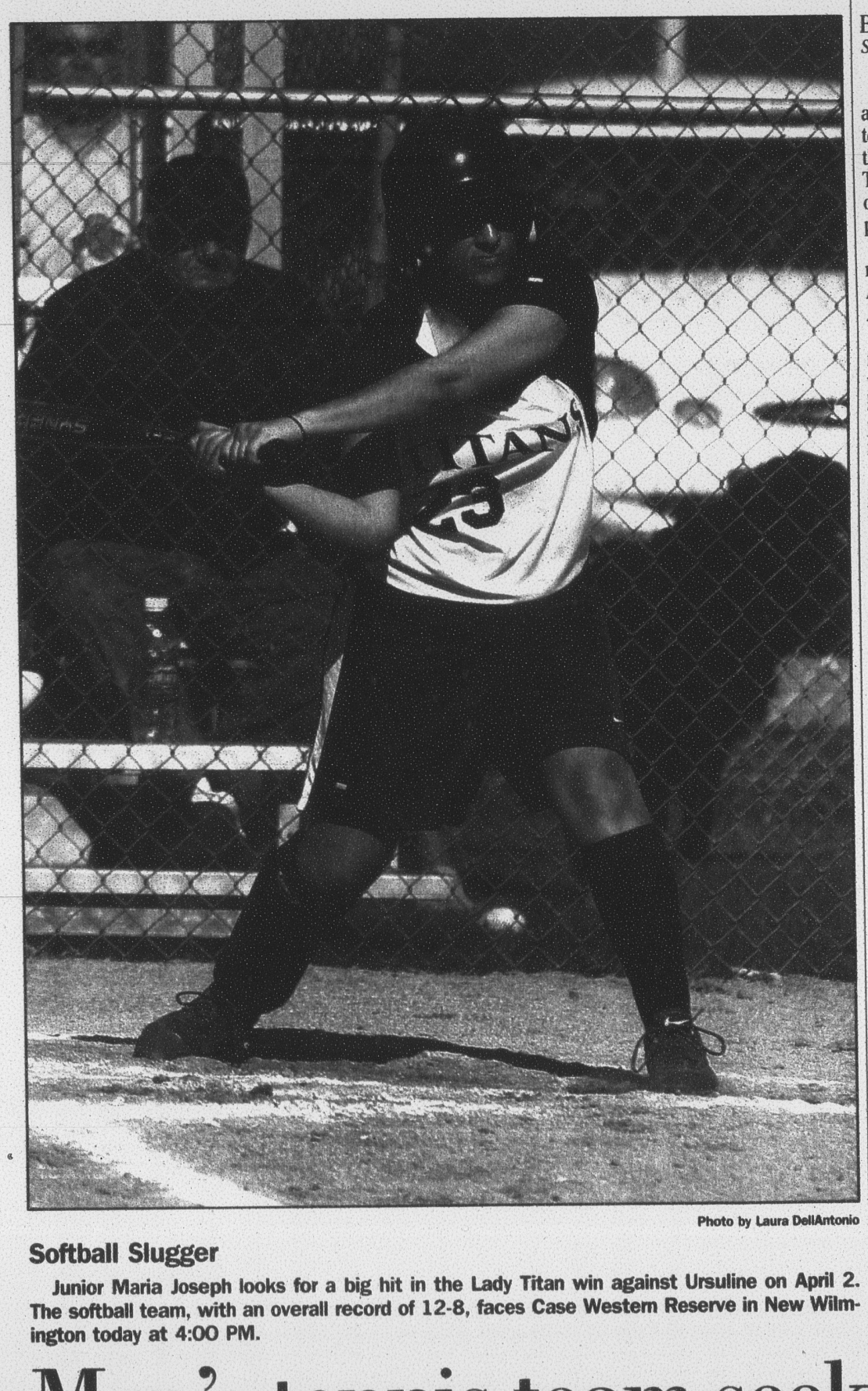


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Softball Slugger

Junior Maria Joseph looks for a big hit in the Lady Titan win against Ursuline on April 2. The softball team, with an overall record of 12-8, faces Case Western Reserve in New Wilmington today at 4:00 PM.

Records broken at weekend track meet

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams traveled Saturday to Wheeling Jesuit University for the Bill Van Horne Invitational. The women's team placed third out of nine teams, while the men placed eighth out of 11 teams.

Two women's track and field records were broken by freshman Abbey Basta and teammate Jen Armour during the meet.

Basta broke her own school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.06, which placed her at third for the event. Basta's previous best was 16.1, set at Redford on March 17.

"It's always nice to have improvement, but I'm hoping to break my record by a lot more before the end of the season," Basta said.

Armour established a new school record with her second-place time of 13:00.61 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

"Establishing the school record was a surprise to me," Armour said. "I didn't think that I would be anywhere near that."

The 4x400 relay team of Basta, sophomore Kristen Van Sickel, sophomore Rebecca Shiner and senior Sarah Calderone qualified for the ECAC Championships with a time of 4:06.24, which also placed them at third in the meet.

The 4x100 relay also qualified for the ECAC Championships. The team of Basta, Van Sickel, freshman Lynn Riley and freshman Jill Diamond placed third at the meet with a time of 51.42.

"Qualifying for both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays early in the season was encouraging for the team," Van Sickel said. "We are ahead of where we were last year and it takes some pressure off of those relays."

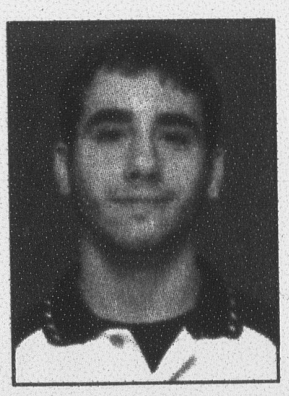
The women's track and field team also had a pair of top-five finishers in the 200 meter run. Van Sickel placed fourth with a time of 26.83 and Diamond followed with a time of 28.09. Diamond also achieved third place with a time of 13.28 in the 100.

Other significant achievements include Shiner's third place in the 800 meter, freshman Elizabeth Beardsley fifth place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and freshman Amber Dillaman with a third place in the javelin.

The men's team had top finishers in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the pole vault. Senior Scott Seserko placed fifth in the steeplechase and sophomore David Mills placed fifth in the pole vault.

The men's and women's track teams will compete in the Slippery Rock Invitational Saturday, April 14.

SAAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Lawrence

Westminster College freshman men's tennis player Scott Lawrence has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Lawrence was the only Titan to pick up two wins in a 6-3 loss at Bethany Thursday night, April 5. Lawrence won the team's lone singles match with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Bill Grant and joined Mark Drabick for a 9-7 win at No. 3 doubles. Lawrence is now 3-2 in singles matches on the year.

Men's tennis team seeks improvement

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

As Easter break ends most of us have enjoyed a big basket full of treats, but unfortunately the Men's tennis team haven't had such joy in their recent matches.

Although the Titans have been trying hard over the past few weeks, they have been unable to claim a victory.

Since March 30, the Titan Tennis team has lost four games. "We've been coming up just short in the big matches," said freshman Scott Lawrence, "We've had the opportunities but just haven't been able to convert."

The Titans lost a non-conference match against Frostburg State, 9-0, at home Friday, March 30, before losing at Washington & Jefferson, 6-3, Saturday, March 31, in their first Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) match of the season.

Freshman Fred Romeo posted a combined record of 2-2 in the two matches at No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles with junior teammate Dusty Rhodes, while Freshman Scott Lawrence also gave Westminster a point against W&J by defeating Eric Sillard in straight sets (6-4, 6-0).

"As a team we battled to keep ourselves in the game. Unfortunately, we could not pull it out," junior Gene Cunningham said.

On Thursday, April 1, the Titans traveled to Bethany for their second PAC match. The Titans battled hard but lost 6-3.

The only singles winner for the Titans was Scott Lawrence. Doubles winners for Westminster were freshman Fred Romeo and sophomore J.D. Eicher winning at No. 2 doubles, 8-6, while Lawrence teamed with classmate Mark Drabick for a 9-7 win at No. 3 doubles.

On Tuesday, April 10, the Titans took on Waynesburg at the North Beaver Tennis Center in New Castle. The Titans fell to the Yellow Jackets 6-3 bringing their PAC record to 0-3 and their overall record to 2-7.

The Titans were able to claim wins at Nos. 3, 5 and 6 singles. Freshmen Fred Romeo and Scott Lawrence earned their team-high fourth singles wins for the Titans at Nos. 3 and 6, respectively. Freshman Mark Drabick also won, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 5 singles.

"Overall we are still a very young team due to the fact that we lost several seniors last year," said sophomore Stefan Hadricky. "I have a lot of confidence in the team and believe that we are on the verge of breaking this losing streak."

The Titans will have a chance to do this as they take on Thomas More this upcoming Saturday

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Blades of Glory is golden

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

I don't really have a personal philosophy that compares to Chazz Michael Michaels, the latest Will Ferrell character in the comedy *Blades of Glory*.

Chazz's response to a reporter asking his personal philosophy is "clothing optional." This line is among many other classics throughout the film which are sure to become the mantra among many fans just as his other famous movie lines did.

Will Ferrell teams up with *Napoleon Dynamite* star Jon Heder as two rival male figure skaters who get banned from figure skater due to a public fight that results in a burned mascot and some traumatized skating fans.

Ferrell is Chazz Michael Michaels, the "bad boy" and sex addict figure skater whose fiery temperament keeps his audience desiring more.

On the other side is Heder's character, good boy Jimmy MacElroy, a skating protégé who woos the audience with his classic and smooth style that displays grandeur like a…peacock.

These unlikely partners are forced to look over their differences when they discover a loophole that would permit them to skate again, but only in the pairs competition.

Craig T. Nelson is Coach, who works to create magic between Chazz and Jimmy. However, the notion of a male figure skating pair is a bit difficult for them to swallow, which makes the training montage and competition all the more hilarious.

Of course, the plot would not be complete without a nemesis pair to Chazz and Jimmy, which is played brilliantly by Will Arnett and SNL's Amy Poehler as Stranz and Fairchild Van Waldenberg, the beloved brother/sister pair who charms skating fans but seeks to destroy their new competition, the fire and ice combo of Jimmy and Chazz.

Along with the disturbed Van Waldenberg pair, there are other obstacles on the way to victory for Jimmy and Chazz, including the fatal "Iron Lotus" skating move that has never been done in skating history, and a complicated relationship between Jimmy and the third Van Waldenberg sibling, Katie.

Overall, Blades of Glory is hilarious and offers enough laughs for a good abdominal workout-it is my favorite Will Ferrell comedy next to *Old School*.

Jon Heder is also funny, but he has a hard time breaking out from his Napoleon Dynamite character. Will Ferrell and Jack Black did a comedic singing skit during this year's Oscars where they lamented the difficult position of a comedic actor: beloved by audiences but doomed to never receive an Oscar or other recognition for their talent.

Though there may be no golden statue for Ferrell for *Blades of Glory*, he gives a worthy performance.

Rating: A

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Source: Google Images

Craig T. Nelson, Romany Malco, Jon Heder and Will Ferrell star in *Blades of Glory*.

Source: Google Images

Will Ferrell and Jon Heder portray male ice skaters in *Blades of Glory*.

PRSSA to show Hanson documentary on campus

Band shows unethical practices of major recording studios; struggles with record label

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Hanson fans will have the opportunity to reconnect with their "mmm-bopping" heartthrobs on Thursday April 19 right here on campus. The Westminster chapter of PRSSA will show a documentary entitled "Strong Enough to Break" at 7 p.m. in Mueller Theater.

This documentary has been shown at colleges all across the country with the intention of spotlighting the music industry college students.

"Strong Enough to Break" exposes unethical practices of major recording studios and encourages music fans to not support them.

Members of PRSSA believe that this documentary is a must see for business and public relations majors, but also "anyone who is a true music fan should see it so they know what really happens behind the scenes of the music they listen to."

Sophomore Lindsey Nuzzo had the opportunity to conduct a phone interview with the band which was published in a February edition of the Holcad. She talked with Hanson about their new independent record label which is featured in the documentary.

"It basically follows Hanson through their struggle with their record label, Island Records," Nuzzo said. "The guys were set to make a new album, but when they started working on it, the songs they wrote weren't good enough for the administrators at the record company and were continuously rejected for about four years."

Hanson has also been working hard to raise awareness of the AIDS epidemic in Africa. They have recently recorded the song "Great Divide" after visiting the devastated country.

The song features an African children's choir and can be purchased for 99 cents on iTunes; all proceeds go to a children's hospital in Africa.

"One thing Taylor said on the phone was that one person can make a difference by doing something small, even if it's something as simple as the download of a song," Nuzzo said.

Members of PRSSA are also dedicated to raising awareness of this terrible disease and will encourage students to view the documentary on Thursday to "download the song 'Great Divide,' watch the video, buy the t-shirt and do whatever else they can to donate to such a worthy cause."

Students can visit http://www.strongenoughtobreak.com for more information. Also, the entire documentary "Strong Enough to Break" can also be downloaded from iTunes.

PRSSA encourages all to come and watch the documentary, and members guarantee that it will have an impact on everyone regardless of major or taste in music.

"I think there are too many music artists and business people, alike, who only care about themselves. Hanson is the rare exception, as they remind people to stand for something other than themselves. Whether it be to promote independent music or support AIDS research, or something entirely different it is important to stand for something, and that all starts with becoming informed. Watching the "Strong Enough to Break" documentary is a perfect way for students to become informed about something that is worth standing up for," Nuzzo said.

Source: Hanson.net

After their trip to South Africa, Zac, Taylor, and Issac Hanson decide to take action through their music in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The brothers are also working to expose the unethical practices of the major recording studios, practices which artists feel are unfair and don't give artists what they're owed.

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

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No houses are officially open this weekend.

Calendar

April 13, 2007
Last Week for Lambda Sigma's Clothing Drive
11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
11:40 AM Biology Seminar -- Phillips Lecture Hall
12:15 PM Eta Sigma Phi Meeting -- MCC 255
7:00 PM "The Explorers of Kea" Planetarium Show -- Hoyt 116
8:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega One-Acts Festival -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

April 14, 2007
Men's Tennis vs. Thomas More (H)
Men's Golf at Carnegie Mellon Invitational
Men's and Women's Track and Field at Slippery Rock Invitational
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Relay for Life
1:00 PM Softball at Saint Vincent
1:00 PM Baseball vs. Thiel (H)
3:00 PM "The Explorers of Kea" Planetarium Show -- Hoyt 116
3:00 PM Senior Cello Recital: Tracy Hefner -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM "The Explorers of Kea" Planetarium Show -- Hoyt 116
7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Opera Workshop Production -- Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Amnesty International Presents Give Peace a Hand Concert -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

April 15, 2007
Senior Violin Recital: Sarah Gold -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
Last Day for Lambda Sigma's Clothing Drive
Men's Golf at Carnegie Mellon
1:00 PM Baseball at Thiel
7:00 PM Vespers -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311

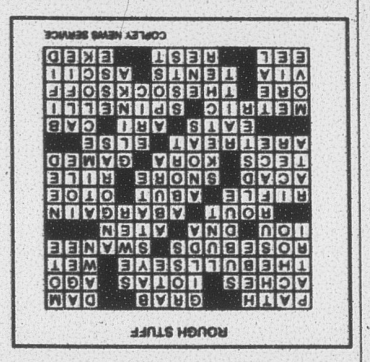
April 16, 2007
Men's Golf at Grove City Invitational
Women's Golf Hosts M.L. Cleland Eckles Invitational Invitational
10:00 AM Campus Ministry Meeting -- MCC 255
11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION -- MCC Witnerspoon Maple
4:00 PM Men's Tennis vs. Saint Vincent (H)
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Wonderful Town -- Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes -- MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

April 17, 2007
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Language in Motion: French/Latin Interdisciplinary Day -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
3:00 PM - 8:30 PM SGA Audits/Allocations (By Appointment)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION -- MCC Witnerspoon Maple
7:00 PM Pennsylvania Festival of Films -- MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Faculty Woodwind and Brass Quintet -- Orr Auditorium
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

April 18, 2007
11:45 AM Faculty Forum -- Ann Throckmorton, "Microsatellite DNA Analysis of the Eastern Massauga Rattlesnake" -- MCC Mueller Theater
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION -- MCC Witnerspoon Maple
4:00 PM Softball at Pitt-Greensburg
4:15 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge
6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting -- MCC 352
7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 PM Faculty Piano and Saxophone Recital: Nancy Zipay DeSalvo and James Flowers -- Orr Auditorium
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

April 19, 2007
Women's Golf at Waynesburg Invitational
9:30 AM Distinguished Speaker Series: Christopher Flavin, President of Worldwatch Institute, "Breaking America's Oil Addiction" -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms
12:35 PM - 1:40 PM GET REAL! Series: Wheels and Deals! -- MCC Club
3:00 PM - 8:30 PM SGA Audits/Allocations (By Appointment)
4:00 PM Woods Afternoon Lecture: W. James Adams '79, "A Better Look at the Sun" -- Hoyt 152
5:30 PM Lambda Sigma Fellowship Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Maple
5:30 PM International Cultures Club -- Thompson-Clark 210
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Love Among the Russians -- Beeghly Theater
7:30 PM Woods Evening Lecture: W. James Adams '79, "Space: Why Bother?" -- Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal

Last Week's Answers



Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Carefully think your way through a problem. Make sure you have all the pertinent information to draw the correct conclusion or to make a final decision.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Strive to be logical in spending and practical when setting your budget. Review your assets and potential income, and find a way to avoid creating debt.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You owe it to yourself to be happy. Seek peace and harmony in the important relationships of your life and settle into a highly spirited cycle this week.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Take advantage of an opportunity to break away from the fray of confusion. Make adjustments in your schedule to allow more time for relaxation and reflection.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Friends will play a key role in the success of a shared project. Join forces, uncover a special camaraderie and plan to network your way to success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Professional encounters, business negotiations or dealing with the public are hectic yet energizing. Remove previous boundaries and push yourself to the limit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): There could be confusion or misunderstandings in communication. Take a personal, hands-on approach to delivering an important message.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Keep in mind that all that glitters is not gold. See through appearances and judge a friend by his or her intrinsic values, as opposed to material standards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Seek to establish a happy, healthy and long-lasting union. Balance the importance of the relationship with your own personal goals and ambitions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Avoid making costly mistakes during a laborious task. Follow the instructions of an experienced colleague or co-worker and you cannot go wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You could find your current social circle or group of friends quite boring or lackluster. Break free and express your individuality this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You are prone to overreact to emotional situations or stim uli. Examine your feelings and make sure that you and your loved ones are on the same page.

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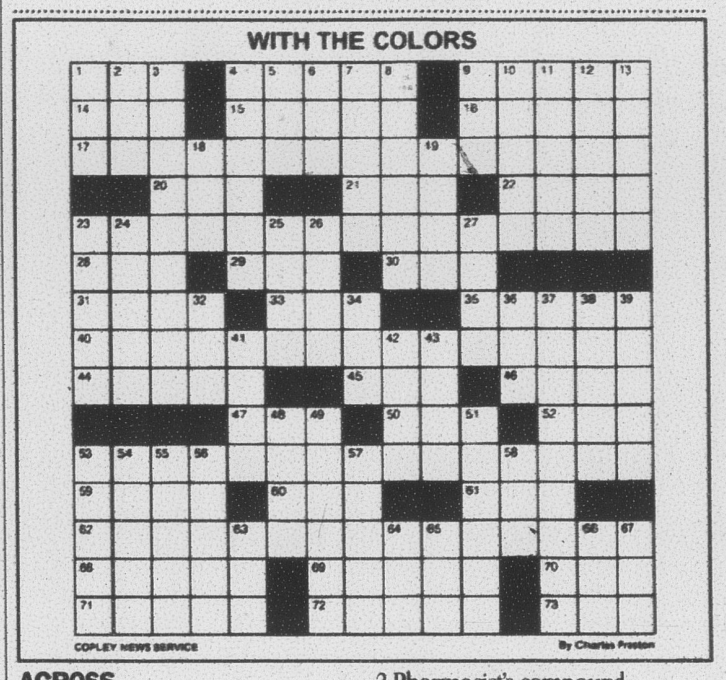

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14 Asian language
15 Scottish musician
16 Japanese city
17 Select group
20 Compete in a slalom
21 French coin
22 Narrow street
23 Kingston Trio song
28 Legendary bird
29 Capote, on Broadway
30 French possessive
31 Latin verb
33 Approves
35 Singer Brightman
40 Beatles movie
44 Eponymous legislator
45 Jodie Foster, e.g.
46 Final passage: music
47 Plural ending
50 Burro
52 Sound from an angry dog
53 Have a really wild time
59 Pisa's river
60 Pile
61 ___ pro nobis
62 British monarch, born in The Hague
68 Poet's preposition
69 Took a total
70 New Jersey fort
71 More cunning
72 Gets close to
73 Peoria-to-Pittsburgh dir.

DOWN
1 Priest's tunic
2 Pharmacist's compound
3 Visit from a doctor
4 Dash
5 Early 2nd c. year
6 Law enforcement alert letters
7 Old stringed instrument
8 Monks' robes
9 Alley ___
10 Play for time
11 Marking on Mars
12 Boxing venue
13 Item in many offices
18 ___ out
19 Subject of many paintings
23 Shows one's age?
24 Shakespearean character
25 Edge of a cliff
26 Diving birds
27 Greek peak
32 ___-mo
34 Take to court
36 Circle part
37 Mexican-American divider
38 Mr. Kostelanetz
39 Learned
41 Step ___!
42 Utter carelessly
43 Seasoning paste
48 Small lamp
49 Wise person
51 Fencing weapons
53 Powerless people
54 Shakespearean character
55 Filling
56 Actor Nick
57 Horace's poetry
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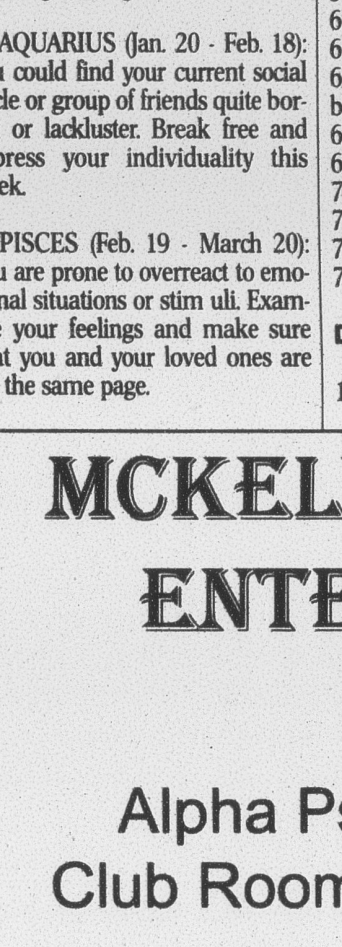

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Features

Struggle for independence affirmed by the Statue of Liberty

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

I'm a college student. I've taken a lot of odd jobs, and often work more than one at a time in order to make enough money to live on.

Don't get me started about minimum wage.

I've been working in foodservice, retail, campus jobs, bookstores, campus libraries and now this fine publication since the ripe old age of sixteen.

I've paid for my own vehicle, insurance, gas, lunch money, cell phone, doctor's visits, speeding tickets, vehicle registration, drivers' licenses, rent, textbooks, school supplies, replacement Titan cards, sorority dues, laptop and clothing since then.

Things I've not paid for include a shiny new car, weekends' worth of alcohol or plane tickets to an exotic locale for spring break. I'll leave it to you to figure out why.

One major expense I've not paid for is my college tuition, but I've got several thousand dollars' worth of loans waiting for me next November so I'm not going to think about that any longer to prevent further headaches resulting from gritting my teeth.

I'm not going to lie. Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes I'm exhausted. Sometimes I wonder if it's worth it.

Then I remember I don't really have a choice.

If you've gone to New Castle to eat at El Canelo (and I don't know many self-respecting students who haven't, given that it's cheap and there are student discounts), you've gone past the tax preparation place on Route 18. Now, I know that I have to file income taxes – it's the most fun you can have with W-2s, especially when you've held four jobs simultaneously – but I've never gone to this place.

There's not much of a point in it when I have no deductions and am pretty much guaranteed a refund of all of the money I've paid in taxes over the previous year.

It might not be so bad during the average month of April, but when I drove past it the other day on my way to New Castle I saw a statue of liberty freezing his green patina off in the snow, I really just remembered why it's better to be doing this multiple-job-just-to-make-it nonsense while in college.

I'll be doing it forever otherwise.

The fact that we are able to attend classes and specialize in fields that we love (or in some cases, have settled for) is staggering when it's really considered. The number of organizations available on this campus and the interpersonal experiences we're gaining to prepare us for life (although I've frankly learned enough for, well, a lifetime by now) and our entrance into the "real world" is invaluable and something that will never be so freely available again.

Likewise, I will never be surrounded by this many people of my own age again until I end up in a retirement home.

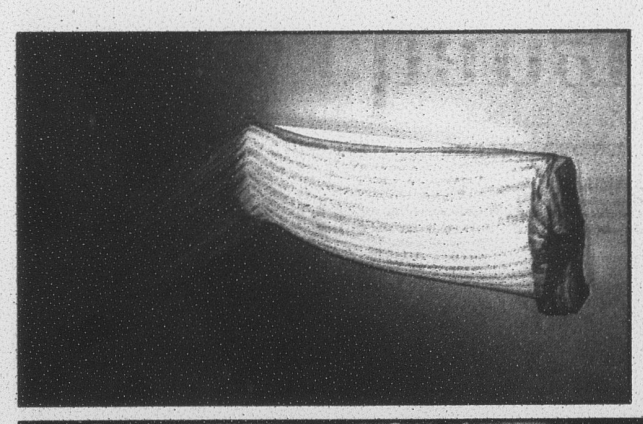
I hope there will be an Estelle Getty lookalike to chum around with and rant about the good old days with, only the great stuggle of our generation won't have been the Depression or a World War. It'll be getting through college and having lost friends in Iraq.

Oh, and I will not be Bea Arthur.

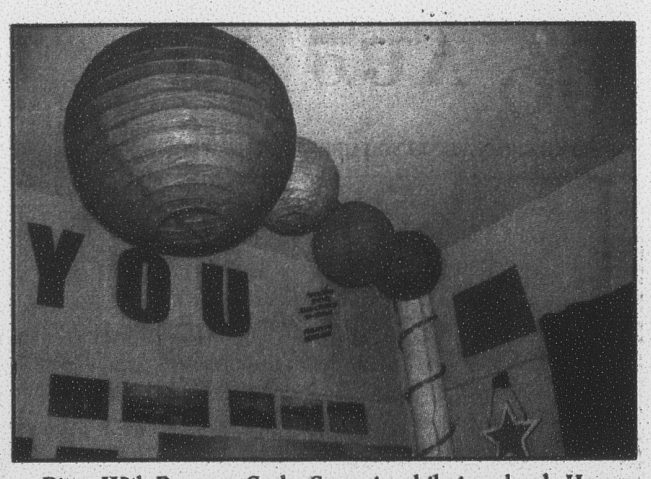
Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who warns against provoking her irascible temper in the next 24 hours.

WC Cribs

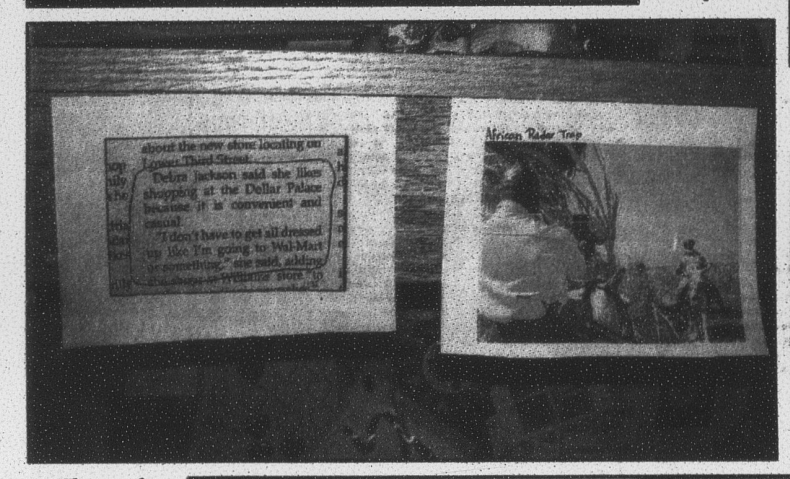
This week, Features editor Jenn Corkadel visits the room of Sarah Girard and Rachel Webb



The fluorscent light is softened with a scarf from Spain, and hanging fun paper lanterns brightens the room up considerably



Bitter With Baggage Seeks Same is a hilarious book. Here, a real chick empathizes with the title character.



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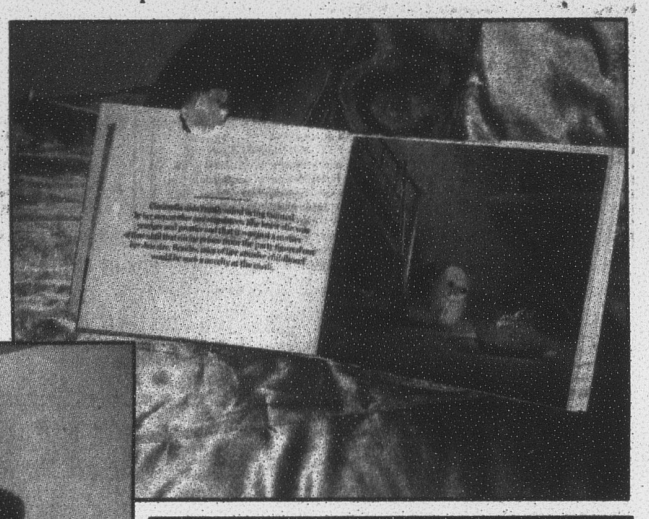
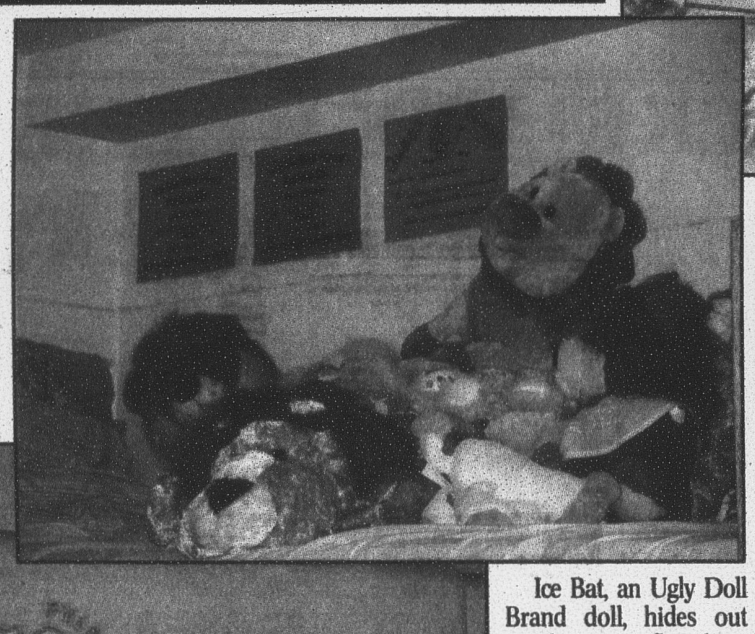
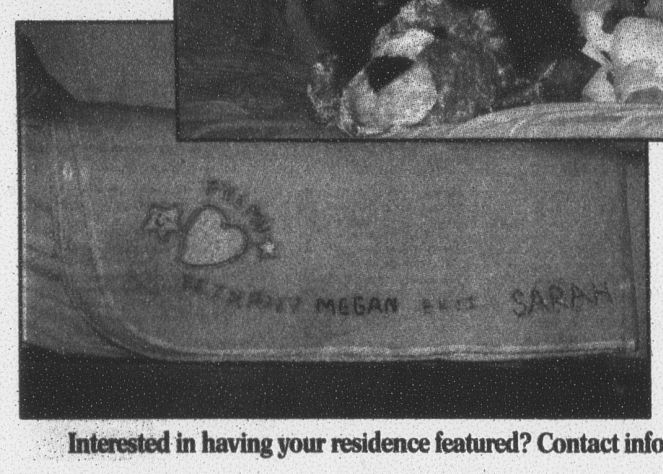
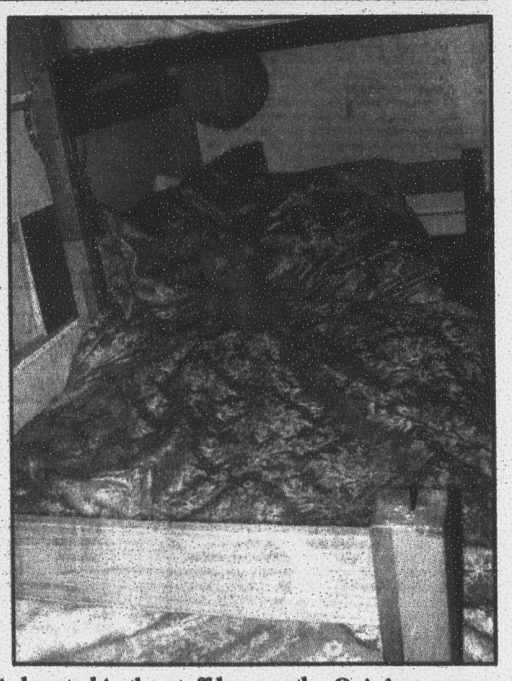




Right and below, Phi Mu lions and her family's blanket cover Sarah's bed.



Ice Bat, an Ugly Doll Brand doll, hides out nearly camouflaged in the glamorous bedding among the shadows. Be careful, everything he touches turns to ice though he'll warm your heart.



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Rules changing in the gay 90s

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"You are now out of your text: but we will draw the curtain and show you the picture," Olivia (Twelfth Night 1.5.232-3)

In an April, 1945 edition of *The Holcad*, articles on the front page were re-printed from articles printed on Friday, April 4, 1892. An editorial note explained that the staff was trying to show the "Gay '90s:"

"The staff sincerely hopes that readers will be able to grasp a picture of what Westminster was like at the close of the last century."

Such has been the hopes of my articles this year; the 1945 reprint shows that Westminster has long-possessed an interest to preserve its history. I am glad to continue that tradition.

The following are excerpts from articles printed in *The Holcad* and *The New Wilmington Globe* on April 4, 1892.

"Barn Is Razed By Raging Fire:"

"STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF HAVING STARTED BLAZE WHILE SMOKING:"

"*Loss Is Heavy.*"

"THE AWFUL WEED, TOBACCO, IS THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE MORE LOSS:"

"Great excitement was caused in New Wilmingoton last night by the burning of Shaffer's barn, long suspected of being a hang-out for those college students who violated the rules of the college authorities and used the barn as a place in which to satisfy their craving for tobacco."

"It is not a proven fact that students caused the fire that resulted in this drastic occurrence, but many people have noticed members of the college student body sneaking into the building shortly after dinner, and, after remaining therein for a short period, leaving the barn and returning to their rooms with the furtive air of those who know they have committed a misdemeanor, and are ashamed of the fact that they have not conducted themselves as they know their superiors would like them to.

"It is a disgrace to the ideals and principles of Westminster college that any member of her student body would conduct himself in such a manner, not only in disobeying the rules laid down by a wise and thoughtful administration, but by employing such furtive, underhanded methods to achieve his end.

"The purpose for which these deeds are perpetrated is also very discrediting to the student, for not only is the use of the weed, tobacco, against all the standards of good society, but the continued satiating of the bodily tissues with nicotine is known to be definitely harmful to both the soul and the body…"

"Co-Eds Given New Freedom:"

"YOUNG WOMEN WILL BE ALLOWED OUT OF DORMITORIES UNTIL 7:30:"

"*Bold Steps Planned.*"

"MEN MAY BE ALLOWED TO CALL AT DORMITORIES OR TO 'STEP OUT' ON FRIDAYS."

"New and glamorous freedom has been announced for the young women of Westminster college in the form of seven-thirty permission one night a week, that is, Friday night, today by the college authorities in their first step toward giving to co-ed a less limited freedom since, up until this time, women were not allowed to step out of the dormitory after supper hours."

"The authorities are considering not only seven-thirty permission on Friday nights, since there is no school on Saturdays, but are contemplating making it 'stepping out' or 'keeping company' night. Then if there is a lecture or social, the boys may accompany the young ladies in stepping out to it.

"Also if there is no social or function, the young gentlemen may come a-call-ing and sit along the wall of the parlors, on folding chares, and spend the evening in a perfectly decorous fashion."

"For the benefit of the new freshmen on the campus, *The Holcad* has been asked to explain the procedure for association with one of the opposite sex, as approved by the faculty."

"Coeds may receive callers in the parlors of Ladies Hall one evening of the week, excepting the Sabbath, and that evening is designated by the faculty. Men are expected to ring the door-bell, and await the approach of the house mistress.

"She will escort him into the reception hall, and take his calling card to the woman he wishes to see. In fifteen minutes the lady will come down stairs, and the gentleman may visit with her until 9:00."

Is it just me? Does money matter more than Imus' integrity? Part One

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

I often ask myself, can money buy integrity? Is it fair or even true that the richer you are, the less consequence you have?

I'm sure that many have heard the story this week about radio personality Don Imus, who, on his live radio show, called the Rutgers' Women's Basketball Team, "nappy-headed hos."

This incident happened on Wednesday, April 4, the day after the women had played in the NCAA national championship game. His apology for the incident came Tuesday, almost a week after it happened. His punishment by CBS, which syndicates his show, was a two-week suspension, which will begin Monday, April 16.

Ironically, Imus is one of the nation's most popular radio talk show hosts. According to *USA Today*, he is the centerpiece of a multi-million dollar business that would collapse without him.

Advertisers are said to have spent $11.3 million last year on his show at just one station, and according to Nielson, that accounted for 24 percent of the stations ads and sells. In addition, sponsors paid MSNBC an additional $8.4 million last year for spots on his show, which averages 358,000 listeners, in the first quarter.

I think with all of that said, it is pretty clear why Imus is receiving that "slap on the wrist" reprimand.

Another thing about this whole incident is that Mr. Imus' "punishment" will be finished right in the time for the beginning of May sweeps. Because I took a broadcasting course last semester, I know that ratings during the sweeps period are extremely important.

This is the time where each local station's ratings are measured. A station's measurement in the ratings poll determines the rates of ads they're likely to sell.

There have been plenty who have lost their jobs for saying things that were very similar.

In 1988, "Jimmy the Greek" Snyder said, "Blacks are bred to be better athletes, dating back to slave days when the owner would breed his big black with his big woman so that he would have a big black kid." That statement cost Ol' Jimmy his 12-year career with CBS.

On Tuesday April 10, the women of the Rutgers basketball team finally got the opportunity to speak about the comment of which they were the subject. Many of them said that they were extremely hurt by the comments Imus made.

They felt that, because of Mr. Imus' ignorance, they were not able to enjoy the success of their season.

They haven't had media personnel talking to them about their miraculous achievements, starting this season off with a 2-4 record; one of their losses being by a deficit of 40 points at the hands of powerhouse Duke, and how they overcame that, went on to win 22 of their next 25 games including beating Duke in the finals.

They aren't asked questions on what it feels like to be the first Rutgers team to ever make it to the National Championship game, instead they were bombarded with questions of how they felt to be completely humiliated and insulted by a man who knows nothing about any of them.

There are so many things that I could say about this situation, but I realize that it wouldn't be right to take up three pages of this newspaper. I still think that it is something that needs to be discussed.

Some are trying to say that had Imus been black than there wouldn't be a problem. I think that the fact that we are even discussing this event proves that there is a problem.

This is not the first time that Imus has been in hot water for saying inappropriate things. He has made crude comments about minorities, woman and homosexuals in the past.

Yet for some reason, he continues to be allowed back on the radio.

When is enough, enough?

Each time Imus has made a ridiculous comment about a particular group, he apologizes, but what good is an apology if he's going to continue to do the same things?

Had he been bringing in mediocre ratings, do you think he would still be on the air after all of the things that he has "let slip?"

I honestly don't think so. It seems that it has become more about the almighty dollar than about integrity. I think that this issue stems beyond race.

As an American in this country, you should be offended by his statement. To go past "happy-headed" into the realm of "ho," is beyond me.

Some people argue that most black rap artists use the word "ho" in many of their lyrics, and it seems that nobody takes offense. When a white man says it, then it's a controversy. That is a subject on which I could write for days, and because it is something that I think needs to be discussed, I will.

This article will be part one of this story, which has dynamics trapped inside of that could lead to many conversations. Part two will be next week.

The bottom line is that I think Imus' receiving such a light sentence sends a message to our youth. People through the nation are ranting that he has a right to a freedom of speech, and that's all good, but when his "free speech" is negative and intentionally directed toward specific people, it shouldn't be so "free."

I guess money is the thing that really has the loudest voice in this situation, and when it's talking, it's pretty hard to hear anything else.

Maybe Imus did change; maybe he is really sorry this time, as opposed to the others. Maybe we should stop placing our hopes in a "maybe" and see the problem for what it is.

Hey, it could happen, or it could just be me.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

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The number of shooting victims in the Virginia Tech tragedy

Source: Associated Press

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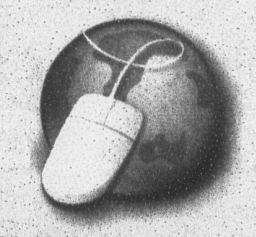

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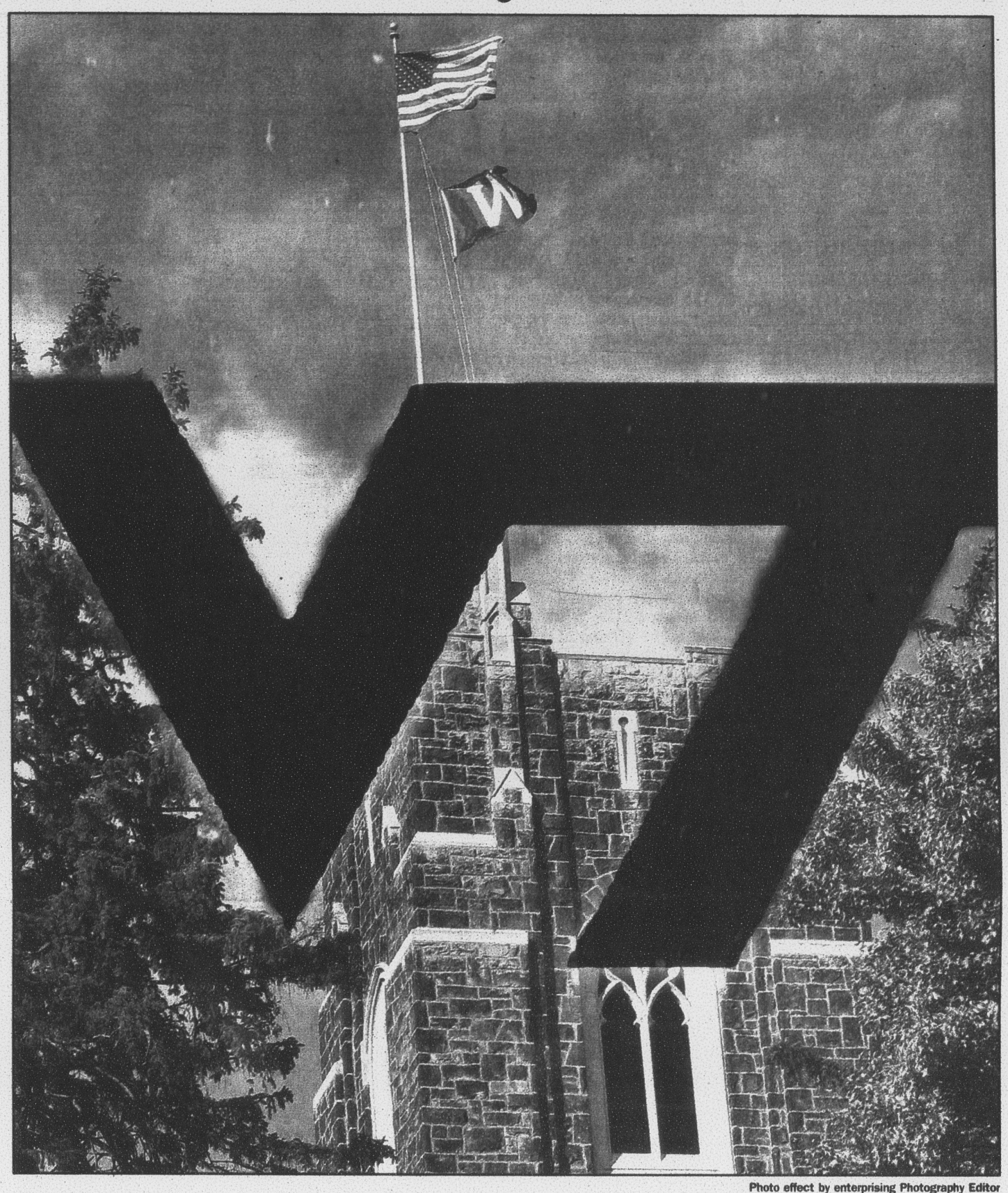

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Praying for victims

College Chaplain Jim Mohr invited members of the campus community to a prayer service for the Virginia Tech shooting victims Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Ferguson and Hillside residence life hosted a candlelight vigil on the quad Thursday evening at 9:30 p.m. with stations for prayer, conversation, or writing in Ferg Lobby afterwards until midnight. AP stories on Page A-3, pictoral on Page A-4.

Spending Earth Day in the city

Sierra Club celebrates Rachel Carson's Centennial by traveling to Pittsburgh

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

The Westminster chapter of the Sierra Student Coalition is sponsoring a trip today to the Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center to attend the "Centennial Celebration of Rachel Carson's Legacy." The event will be hosted by Teresa Heinz and boasts a performance from the Grammy winning group The Indigo Girls.

The purpose for this gathering, according to the Rachel Carson Homestead website, is to introduce the "Rachel Carson Legacy challenge... to make permanent, measurable changes in behavior and policies that promote Rachel's Carson's environmental ethic."

Coalition member Leanna Stitt first learned of the celebration while working at her internship. "The idea for this event came when I went to visit the Rachel Carson Homestead in Springdale, PA for an article I was writing for the magazine I work for. When I visited, Fiona Fisher (Centennial Coordinator) informed me of the celebration event and I hoped to get a group of students together to attend."

Rachel Carson, a native to Springdale PA, studied at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, and received her MA in zoology from Johns Hopkins University in 1932. Carson spent years overseeing all publications for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She also spent time writing lyric prose which incorporated government research. Her books The Sea Around Us and The Edge of the Sea made Carson famous as a naturalist and science writer for the public. Carson resigned from government service in 1952 to devote herself to her writing.

After World War II, Carson changed her writing focus to warn-

See **EARTH,** *page A-4*

Registration process may advance technologically

By Lurene McDonald
Campus writer

On-line class registration may be a reality as early as next year.

With registration period here again, the registrar's office and administration are looking to technologically advance the current registration process. While there was some debate over online registration last year, the school is now willing to give it a try because of new resources to which it has access.

"We are looking into trying online registration with some test groups next year and possibly implementing the system into the fall or spring semester," June Pierce, the campus registrar, said. "Campus Connect has given us some capabilities that we haven't had before."

However, this advancement is met with both support and hesitation by students.

"I think online registration would make registration quicker and more efficient," freshman Chelsea Logan said. "Once students have the opportunity to see its benefits, they'll like it a lot."

There are shortcomings to the implementation of the system in the opinions of other student and faculty members, however.

"I think we will be losing our personal connection with online registration," sophomore Alyson Kieffer said. "I love having someone there to help me and to ask questions to. I am not technologically inclined and the idea makes me nervous. I would rather just do it in person."

The registrar and her staff also recognize these drawbacks. However, they also acknowledge that it is the next step for the campus.

"Students in their dorm rooms won't have our advice and direction that they currently have with the process," Pierce said. "However, we know it's what students want and expect."

Pierce's office puts in extra work before, during and after the registration period. The registrar who has been with the college for the past seven years acknowledges her assistant, Patricia Hammer, in particular.

Hammer puts together all the registration materials and keeps the campus updated on course availabilities. However, the office's duties extend past just preparing and running registration.

"We get a lot of students asking questions about their majors, degree audits and other resources," Pierce said. "We try to make students aware of things they didn't know."

Students also have other resources on campus as a result of the mandatory advising sessions with their academic advisors. This requirement has found favor among the students.

"I really like that you get to meet with your advisor first," Logan said. "They help you more than you think they can."

See **REGISTER,** *page A-4*

Student did not use hatchet, police say

By Colin Dean
Editor-in-Chief

New Wilmington police have determined that a student did not use a hatchet to threaten another student.

Freshman Kevin Franz was arrested the weekend of March 31 and charged with underage drinking and disorderly conduct after police received a call that he was threatening another student in Eichenauer.

The threatened student (who wished to remain anonymous) and his sister, who is not a student, went to a party at Sigma Nu, where Franz began talking to the sister. She reportedly asked him to stop, and when he did not, the student got involved. A fight ensued, and Franz was injured in the fight.

Following the fight, the student and his sister returned to Eichenauer. After an indefinite amount of time, Franz returned, too. He began to pound on the door, shouting loudly.

It was determined that the student called Public Safety after a hatchet was shoved under the door.

Public Safety was dispatched to Eichenauer, and New Wilmington police were already at the dorm when Public Safety arrived. They went inside and saw a cluster of people in the hall in which both the student and Franz live.

New Wilmington Police took control of the situation, attempted to calm Franz and took him into custody. He was charged with underage drinking and disorderly conduct. He was later released to his parents.

The police determined that the hatchet was present, but was not used in any criminal manner. Rather, it was placed in the scene by others who were not otherwise involved.

Student Affairs will begin its judicial proceedings in the coming weeks, according to Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner. It will investigate Franz's actions and determine if the hatchet, which is not Franz's, violates the college's weapon policy.

Neither Franz nor the other student are pressing charges against each other for the night's events.

Lechner is satisfied with the handling of the situation.

"The confrontation was stopped, the person responsible was removed from the building and the potential weapon was confiscated," he said.

Lechner asks that "eyewitnesses come forward" to help sort out the details of the event and find out how the hatchet was placed on the scene.

He also said that he'd received a number of complaints from students lamenting that the campus had not been notified of the situation in a timely manner. Lechner said that no notice was sent because Public Safety was able to establish that the threat had ended, and notification is sent only when there is a continuing threat to students.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Since when are we the kind of people who cake others?

I don't know about you, but I *AM the walrus.*

Integer.

Go see Chapel Drama on Sunday!

Thanks for the stir fry [applause]!!

Let's keep it up, spring!!!!

It's "Get Run Over By Golf Carts" Day!

The capital of Boise is Idaho.

Ok, for the LAST time: "psych" has no E!

The plaid power ranger is my favorite!

Forget girls tonight, bro...I just need to DANCE!!

He still doesn't have a black eye...

I'm connecting to the Internet with my mind!

Pause for the cause.

No, but thanks for asking.

Okay, YOU try to be a gumball.

Potatoes on pizza??

I made a sock puppet.

It's our second 3rd anniversary.

Are you guys STILL tifting?

Segues are the awesome.

Word to the Silver Foxes.

Palabra a tu madre.

Speltic music rocks!!

Are you calling pizza places AGAIN?!

I miss my Irish dancing kids...

Gunpowder, gelatine???

Richard Simmons is a dictator.

Green eyes. And whiskers. LONG whiskers.

The FOPWOP. Oh yeah, it still exists.

We all have something that digs at us, at least we dig each other.

Too soon, man, too soon.

Can someone please stop criticizing me at every chance?

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off your words at the McKelvey Information Desk!

It is not our place to guess

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of mind

In campus newspapers across the country, many editorials are being published on the same topic. I took a little time to read what everyone had to say, and I noticed that most columnists' "moral outrage" was tinged with heavy-handed agendas.

I cannot in good conscience write on the topic, as I feel that opinions and agendas based upon tragedies are incredibly disrespectful and under-handed.

As to the topic itself… wow. That's the only reaction that I can put into words.

You can't help anyone who does not want to be helped, so how can you prevent these things from occurring in the future? The long and short of it is that you can't. Every now and again, a human being gets broken. Blaming them seems strange and alien, but who else can you blame?

One thing I do know: alienating the loners and the eccentric is likely the most inadvisable course of action at the current moment. Everyone remembers Columbine, and quite a few of us likely remember the awkward jokes and sideways glances given to people who were less than popular.

What we need at times like these is solidarity. We are all afraid. Why punish folks who have not done anything?

If anyone is going to have answers, it won't be the pundits. This is no time for politicking. This is no time to advance agendas. This is no time for unknowing, uninvolved people to conjecture as to the how and why.

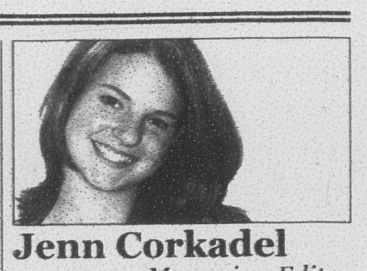
Another thing about many of them: they are twice our age. They haven't set foot in a classroom in twenty years, likely. As afraid as they may be, the danger is not as imminent to them. Unless they have children, but their kids are likely more afraid than they are.

We need to stand together in a spirit of compassion and try to move forward. Let the people who know sort things out. Sort out the things in your life that need sorting. Go "Wow" and then ask yourself "how can I prevent this from happening here?"

Keep the families and friends of those affected by this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.

Do not use this as a moment to point fingers and treat people badly; it is disrespectful.

Bill is a senior computer science major. He enjoys tea, the work of the late Kurt Vonnegut and midnight trips to Sheetz. He expresses his condolences to the world on the loss of one of its greatest writers.



Jenn Corkadel
Managing Editor

Now's a good time to look at society

"Be kind; for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."
-- Plato

I'm not condoning his actions, but the shooting rampage at Virginia Tech this week serves as a strong reminder of the things that are wrong in society today. Seung-Hui, being a textbook example of a school shooter, without friends and feelings that he didn't belong, wrote creatively about his frustrations and the violence he'd like to inflict upon the others he didn't mesh with. I can't quite say that I agree with his methods or decision to retaliate, but I do know that feeling. It sucks to feel like you don't belong.

I'm asking students and members of this campus community to put aside everything that they want and need and fuss about for five minutes and THINK. Think about your life, the things that you devote your time and energy to, and how you behave towards, or in front of, others. This person felt miserable enough about being outside of the club, that he was set off (psychological profilers believe) by one event that meant little to anyone else.

Different people have different tolerances; Seung-Hui's trigger was the vapidity he saw in his classmates. I'm set off by laziness, inactivity, and repeated failure to at least attempt to do the right thing first.

The trouble with this campus, and to a larger extent, America, is the fact that we are all buying into the lifestyles and superficiality sold on television, in movies, and by anyone else who believes they're better than us who we choose to listen to.

For what? I'd rather not look back upon my college years and remember only the ridiculous parties and that I was better dressed than the rest of my hall.

I'd like to think I became more educated than that.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The competition offers a better selection without a cover charge

I walk into the TUB. It's 6:55 p.m. on Thursday, so I've missed my opportunity to eat at McGinness, and the Charleston Market has already closed. Apparently I've been sentenced to eat the everyday slop.

They're out of soup. They're out of salads. They're out of calzones. They're out of breadsticks. There are a few pretzels and pizzas left that look like they've been sitting there since lunch.

Both the Grill and Sub lines are ridiculously long, and the Grill has already run out of its special for the week. I get in line for the Grill and begin my 15+ minute wait for a spicy chicken sandwich that finally leaves me feeling like someone punched me in the stomach.

WHY?! Why should I be forced to eat low quality food at outrageous prices on a daily basis simply because I decided to further my education? Director of Dining Services Jeff Creveling said in the September 15 issue of *the Holcad* that TUB prices are competitive with local restaurants.

However, what Mr. Creveling failed to account for is the $550/semester Dining Service Facilities Fee, which brings the cost of your $1000/semester meal plan to $1550 and your $3.80 sub to $5.89.

I've never been asked to pay a Dining Service Facilities Fee at Subway. And I'll bet the last dollar in my wallet that most students would rather eat at McDonald's every day than at the TUB.

With the exception of fraternity brothers, commuters and the extremely limited number of students who are permitted to live off-campus, every Westminster student is required to purchase a meal plan. At least town house residents have kitchens, but they're still forced to pay at least $1050 per semester for on-campus dining whether they want it or not.

Don't use your meal plan at all? Sorry, your unused dining dollars disappear into the abyss at the end of the academic year. If Sodexho cannot provide restaurant-quality food at competitive prices, they should not be allowed to operate here.

Yet, their monopoly of the campus allows them to cut as many corners as they can to make as much money as possible from students who have no other dining options.

Please note that I mean no disrespect through this letter to the TUB employees that work very hard on a daily basis to serve often unappreciative students. It's not their fault at all.

I worked at Wendy's on and off for over three years, and I know that employees can only work with the resources that they are given. As far as I can tell, the TUB is terribly understaffed and employees are provided with the lowest quality bulk food that Sodexho can find. It must be cheaper that way.

Will Quigley
Junior

Amnesty Int'l, Green Party story errors

It's difficult to understand how a political grass- roots [*sic*] democracy advocacy group and a non- political human rights organization can be confused. It is truly shocking to see that an article was written not only linking the two groups but also confusing their purpose and goals as organizations. This article shows great disrespect and carelessness not only to Amnesty International but to the field of journalism. The article "Two campus organizations attend conferences" has a number of mistakes and incorrect information.

First and foremost, Amnesty International is a non- politically affiliated organization that focuses on human rights around the world and does not take a political stance nor dose [*sic*] it affiliate it-self [*sic*] with any political party.

The last week of March was the National Week of Student Action for Darfur to bring awareness to the crisis taking place in Darfur, which is a nation wide [*sic*] Amnesty event that the WC Amnesty group participated in, not Green Party. Amnesty tabled in the tub to inform the public on the genocide taking place. Petitions and letters were signed not to be sent to congress but rather the Chinese President. While we did send post cards to Bush, the focus was China. Further, the Darfur documentary was not screened by Green Party but rather Amnesty as part of its Week of Student Action. Finally, it was not in "conjunction" but rather because of the Week of Student Action that a rally was held in Washington DC in front of the Chinese embassy. The rally was not to "protest in support of Chinese intervention in Darfur" but rather protest China's economic support of the Sudanese government and to encourage China to pressure the Sudanese government to end the genocide, because China has such an influence in the region, and because China is on the UN Security Council and has vetoed previous attempts by Europe and the US to send peacekeepers in the Darfur region.

As the student leader of Amnesty, I was not approached and had no knowledge that this article was being written. This shows the negligence of the people involved in writing and publishing this article. *The Holcad* has apparently won first place 5 times in national review competitions; ironically, it has also made about the same amount of mistakes in one article, but I'm sure these national review competitions didn't check *The Holcad*'s facts for accuracy.

Jelena Gerga
Junior

[Ed. note: The Holcad *apologizes for the aforementioned errors. The purpose of the article was to highlight two campus organizations that participated in events during spring break and did not intend to link the two organizations in any way other than this.]*

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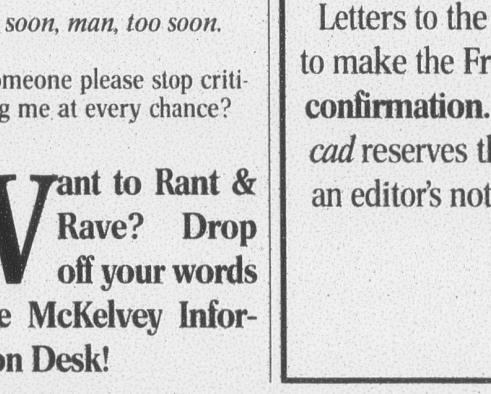
IT'S FUNNY 'COZ IT'S TRUE

On a seemingly typical day of enjoying TitanNet, one student passes the time by playing games on Moola.com for money...



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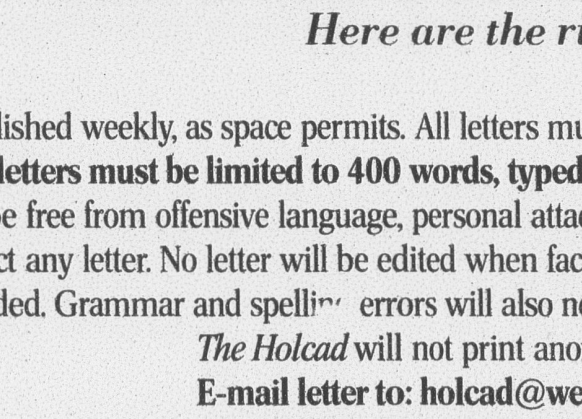

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Retired professor shares stories of homeless

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) - Society often chooses to politely look away from the homeless, but not Gary F. Clark, a retired Bloomsburg University art professor and Hazleton native.

He sees them, photographs them and shares their portraits and stories with the world through a photo Weblog he started nearly four years ago.

Clark's work gives names, faces and voices to these often invisible people living on the fringes, or on the edge, as he puts it.

"They just need someone to acknowledge their presence," he said. "They're people and they're trying to survive."

With each photograph Clark posts on the Internet, he invites viewers into his subject's world with brief narratives on them and updates on their lives.

He doesn't candy-coat the harsh realties they face, or the life-and-death struggles with addiction, mental illness or street living.

Over the years, Clark's work became more than photographs and talks with people living on the streets. He formed friendships with many of his subjects, he said.

He admits that he doesn't know where his work with and talks about the homeless will lead him, but said it stopped being about him a long time ago.

"It's about raising awareness," he said, because everyone is just one paycheck away from sharing their fate.

"These people are us," he said.

PA resident wounded

22-year-old shot in Virginia Tech classroom Monday; expected to recover

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) - The image hinted at the horror that unfolded: a Virginia Tech student, sprawled and bloody, in the arms of others who struggled to carry him to safety.

The near-death ordeal of senior Kevin Sterne, of Eighty-four, Pa., captured in that photograph that played on newspaper front pages across the country, also reflects the resiliency and hope emerging from the nation's deadliest campus shooting rampage.

The 22-year-old Sterne was among the dozens of students shot in Norris Hall classrooms Monday. Police on Tuesday identified Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old senior English major, as the shooter in the massacre that left 33 people dead, including himself.

Sterne was in stable condition Tuesday, and doctors credited his quick thinking.

Doctors said Sterne is a former Eagle Scout who kept enough cool to fashion a tourniquet from an electrical cord after a bullet tore an inch-long gash through the femoral artery of his right leg.

"The patient that I took care of was an incredible guy," said Dr. David Stoeckle, chief of surgery at Montgomery Regional Hospital. "He was bleeding significantly ... he knew he was bleeding to death."

Emergency workers later applied a second tourniquet to the leg before racing him to the hospital for immediate surgery, Stoeckle said. The surgeon did not identify Sterne by name, but his parents told reporters Tuesday their 6-foot-2 son was the student in the photograph.

"It really upsets me what happened," Kevin's father, Randy Sterne, of Cumberland, Md., told the Cumberland Times-News in a phone interview on Tuesday. "We just thank God (Kevin) was one of those who was spared."

The elder Sterne was returning from dental surgery Monday afternoon when his ex-wife, Susan Grimes of Pennsylvania called him about 3:30 p.m. to tell him about the campus shootings. Both parents packed their separate cars for the drive to Montgomery Regional Hospital.

Kevin Sterne is scheduled to graduate May 11 with two degrees in electrical engineering and media communications. His father said his son has been accepted to graduate school at Virginia Tech and the University of Colorado, but likely will require extensive therapy. Randy Sterne said his son's education plans are "the furthest from our worries."

Calling the shootings "a horrific experience," Randy Sterne said he'll wait for his son to share the details when he's ready.

"There's not a whole lot he can say about it right now," he added. "They tell me three students (who were) around him, all three all among the 30 dead. So he was lucky."

NATIONAL

Virginia Tech gunman identified

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) - The gunman in the Virginia Tech massacre was a sullen loner who alarmed professors and classmates with his twisted, violence-drenched creative writing and left a rambling note raging against women and rich kids.

A chilling picture emerged Tuesday of Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old senior majoring in English, a day after the bloodbath that left 33 people dead, including Cho, who killed himself as police closed in.

News reports said that he may have been taking medication for depression and that he was becoming increasingly violent and erratic.

Despite the many warning signs that came to light in the bloody aftermath, police and university officials offered no clues as to exactly what set Cho off on the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

"He was a loner, and we're having difficulty finding information about him," school spokesman Larry Hincker said.

A student who attended Virginia Tech last fall provided obscenity-and violence-laced screenplays that he said Cho wrote as part of a playwriting class they both took. One was about a fight between a stepson and his stepfather, and involved throwing of hammers and attacks with a chainsaw. Another was about students fantasizing about stalking and killing a teacher who sexually molested them.

"When we read Cho's plays, it was like something out of a nightmare. The plays had really twisted, macabre violence that used weapons I wouldn't have even thought of," former classmate Ian McFarlane, now an AOL employee, wrote in a blog posted on an AOL Web site. He said he and other students "were talking to each other with serious worry about whether he could be a school shooter."

"We always joked we were just waiting for him to do something, waiting to hear about something he did," said another classmate, Stephanie Derry. "But when I got the call it was Cho who had done this, I started crying, bawling."

Professor Carolyn Rude, chairwoman of the university's English department, said Cho's writing was so disturbing that he had been referred to the university's counseling service.

"Sometimes, in creative writing, people reveal things and you never know if it's creative or if they're describing things, if they're imagining things or just how real it might be," Rude said. "But we're all alert to not ignore things like this."

She said she did not know when he was referred for counseling, or what the outcome was. Rude refused to release any of his writings or his grades, citing privacy laws. The counseling service refused to comment.

Cho, who arrived in the United States as a boy from South Korea in 1992 and was raised in suburban Washington, D.C., where his parents worked at a dry cleaners _ left a note in his dorm room that was found after the bloodbath.

A law enforcement official who read Cho's note described it Tuesday as a typed, eight-page rant against rich kids and religion. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

"You caused me to do this," the official quoted the note as saying.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Amish Boy Hurt In Hit & Run Accident

State Police are on the look out locally for a black four-door Ford pickup truck with an extended cab after it stricl an an Amish buggy on Saturday afternoon in Wilmington Township injuring an Amish boy.

It happened on the Mercer County side of the county line on the Mercer-New Castle Road near Leesburg Station Road.

The nine-year old Amish boy is now at home recovering from injuries he suffered in the accident.

The driver of the Amish buggy tells Troopers the pickup driver struck the buggy but kept going despite a flat tire and front end damage.

Roberto Clemente, Jr. Speaks at Westminster on Sportsmanship

Roberto Clemente, Jr. visited Westminster College on Wednesday addressing sportsmanship and life in the light of his famous father, Roberto Clemente.

He shared a motivational speech themed "Sportsmanship: On a Team, On Your Own" in the Wallace Memorial Chapel where members of the audience asked questions.

The visit was sponsored by the Westminster College Young Presbyterian Scholars, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Westminster Chapel Office

INTERNATIONAL

Scientist spends two weeks in box underwater

Australian generates own electricity

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - An Australian scientist emerged Wednesday after spending nearly two weeks underwater in a steel box, pedaling a stationary bicycle to generate his own electricity and growing algae to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen.

Marine biologist Lloyd Godson spent 13 days at the bottom of a lake in the bright yellow capsule he calls the BioSUB to fulfill a lifelong dream and make a point about sustainable living.

Godson used a system of solar panels and a pedal-powered generator to create electricity and recharge his laptop, and kept an algae garden to absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen for breathing.

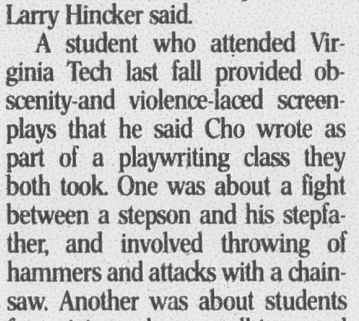
"It's nice to feel the sunshine on the face and the breeze here," Godson told reporters after emerging from the 10-foot-long sub, which was submerged in a lake in the eastern Australian town of Albury. "You start to get a bit of cabin fever, but ... I thought it was going to drive me a bit more nuts than it did."

Godson had to recycle his own urine and waste, but a team of divers delivered food and drinking water to the sub, including fruit, nuts and a homemade lasagna. An "Easter shark" swam by with a supply of chocolate eggs, according to local media reports.

For entertainment, Godson watched videos on his laptop and used a wireless Internet connection to communicate with schoolchildren from around the world.

The 29-year-old scientist won funding for the project by winning $41,800 contest called "Live Your Dream" sponsored by nature magazine, Australian Geographic.

Political Pong: The Stem Cell Debate



Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

As the school year is beginning to draw to a close, Carsen and I are quickly realizing that we have covered a lot of the major political topics already. So, this week we decided to hit an issue that has been overshadowed by larger political issues like war and government scandal: stem cell research.

Let's start with a definition. Stem cells are cells "that have the potential to develop into specialized cells or divide into other stem cells." There are multiple types of stem cells, but the biggest debate is over the type found in embryos. Because of their ability to differentiate, embryonic stem cells are the most flexible and consequently, most useful. It comes as no surprise that this issue is a polarizing one; however, the lines aren't drawn neatly down party lines. Religion plays a large role here with conservative evangelicals on one side and the rest of America on the other. In many cases, people who are pro-life concerning abortion will have a moral objection to embryonic stem cell research and pro-choice people tend to feel just the opposite. The core of the debate is centered around the concept of whether life begins at birth or at conception.

So where do Democrats stand on the issue of stem cell research? They support it and actually used the issue in the last election in an attempt to attract non-religious Republican voters. Until this past election, there weren't many divisive issues where Democrats had the clear upper-hand. One of the main Republican arguments is that research on embryonic stem cells is unethical. The flip side to that argument is that the embryos are not harmed in the process. While considerable controversy surrounds that reason, there are many more reasons to support stem cell research.

First and foremost, the advances that can be made in science through stem cell research are too numerous to count. It is already known that stem cells can help regenerate certain types of tissue, but imagine if the cure for cancer was found through this type of research. People with diseases that were once thought to be fatal would have a way to be cured.

One of the hardest points for evangelicals to justify is how the use of embryos that will be destroyed naturally is unethical. If something is going to be thrown away anyway, what is the harm in using it? Wasting the stem cells available would just hinder scientific progress.

Evangelicals argue that the value of an embryo is equal to that of a child or adult. However, embryos cannot survive outside of a mother's womb and only represent a potential life. Once someone is born, they are no longer a potential life but an actual life. The debate here is over when a life begins. The argument is that if an embryo was a human, it would be called a human and not an embryo. Therefore, they are not the same nor equal in value.

I'm not sure that I completely agree with the views expressed by either side. Logic would seem to dictate that if embryos were not being harmed in the process, then researching stem cells would be not only beneficial to society, but a shame if the opportunity was ignored. Democrats successfully used this issue to help get them elected and are now pushing measures through Congress. President Bush has vowed to veto legislation that favors embryonic stem cell research, but that won't deter the Democrats.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

The national scene is overloaded with tragedy and intensity, as Virginia Tech copes with the historic shooting on their campus, and Congress fights over an exit date for the war in Iraq.

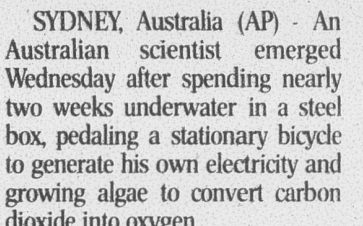
Now is the time to pause and reflect about the fundamentally important things to our nation and our citizens; a time to come together for a common purpose and good.

True. But that will last about a week. No matter what the national scene looks like, politics as usual goes on in the depths of Washington, D.C. The topic might change on the national scene, but there's always something grumbling under the surface.

One such topic is stem cell research. No one's talking about it, but it's waiting to explode.

The Senate last week passed a bill to ease restrictions of the use of embryos for medical research. President Bush, at a National Catholic Prayer breakfast, stressed the importance of respecting the value of human life and the vulnerability of embryos. He plans on vetoing the bill when it reaches his desk.

This is an issue I don't necessarily agree with the Republican Party on, but I'll outline the President and the party's stance. According to GOP.gov, Republicans support "ethical scientific research that does not depend on the destruction of life."



Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

This is primarily based on the idea that once an egg is fertilized it will eventually develop into a fully-capable, independent adult; or in other words, life starts at conception.

Because the embryo will eventually be able to make its own decisions, involuntarily "destroying" it to save another life isn't feasible; each human must be able to give its consent to make such a sacrifice. If this necessity is overlooked, such research inherently devalues human life.

Embryonic stem cell research advocates would rather see alternative options exercised. Pre-born embryos are frozen. They could be adopted by families, and many have been. Adult stem cell research has been in use for an extended period of time and is just as beneficial as embryos, according to supporters.

Republicans point out that no matter what their voting record on the research is, the Democrats' record is inconsistent. The GOP says Democrats will back a liberal bill that promotes the research, but not a conservative bill that says the same thing. Democrats play partisan politics on the issue and will support whichever appears favorable at the time.

A good deal of this argument is often considered the conservative religious standpoint. While it is true that many Republicans are pro-life, religious individuals, there is something to be said for the separation of church and state.

"We must continue to work for a culture of life where the strong protect the weak and where we recognize in every human life the image of our creator," Bush said at the prayer breakfast. I'm not sure I can support our president pushing an agenda on the country that so closely borderlines just advocating religious beliefs.

Congress currently does not have the votes to override a presidential veto, which is sure to come. Maybe though, rather than considering their party politics, our representatives can consider a doctrine that the framers decidedly removed from our political system. Keep church away from the state.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Honor societies recognize students

By Carrie Hill
Campus writer

Two Academic honorary societies recognized outstanding students' exemplary work in inductions this past week.

The sociology honorary Alpha Kappa Delta inducted eight new members on Wednesday, April 18.

The society honors sociology majors and minors who meet certain criteria. These students are required have at least junior standing and maintain an overall grade point average of 3.25. Members must also be in the top third of their class.

AKD as a whole is a society dedicated to research in the field of sociology. AKD is visible on campus sponsoring events and hosting speakers in cooperation with the Sociology Interest Group. Students involved in Alpha Kappa Delta will stand out in their field being associated with the honorary.

"These kids are the best of the best," AKD advisor Dr. Gary Lilly said.

Lambda Pi Eta, the newly reestablished communications honorary society, also held a minor induction this week. A full induction will be held in the fall semester, according to advisor Dr. Colleen Deisler.

Eligible for membership are any communications majors or minors including students studying public relations, communication studies and broadcast communications. Like their sociology counterparts, members of Lambda Pi Eta are also among the top performers in their area of study. They must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and 3.25 in communications courses.

President Brittany McKee has been working hard to get all of the details in order for the induction and the rest of the semester.

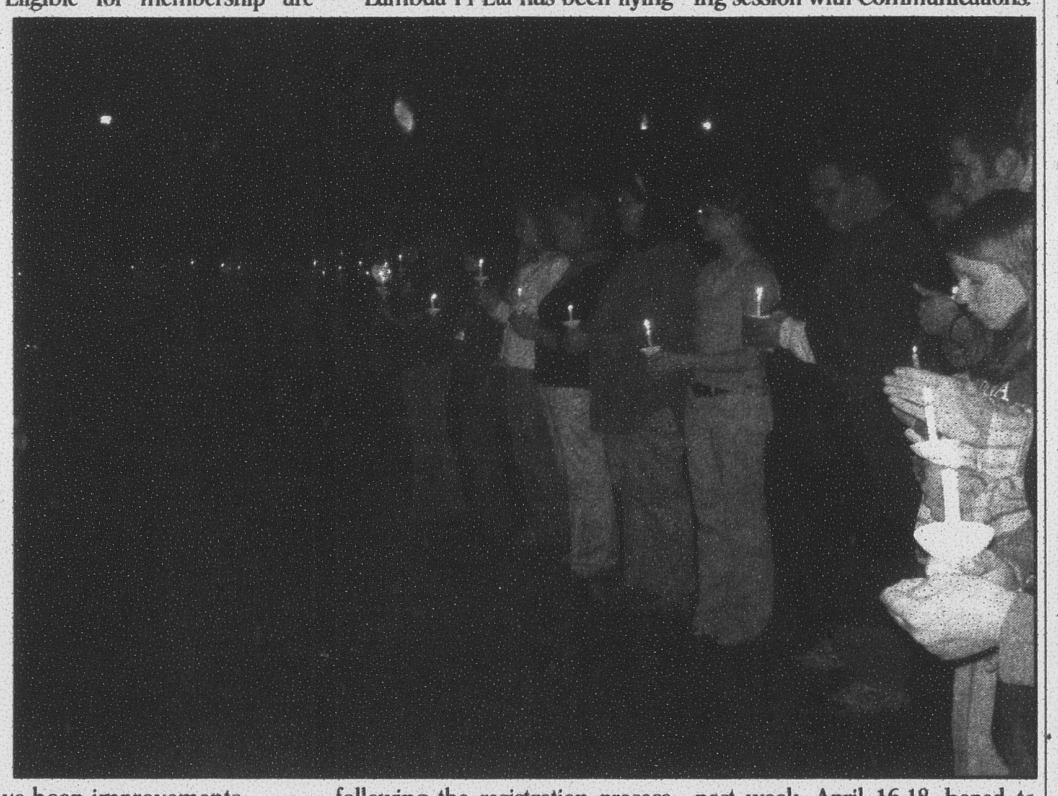
"Brittany has really pulled this organization together," Deisler said.

Lambda Pi Eta has been flying under the radar on campus as they have few members, but the new president and members are hoping to gain more recognition on campus.

"Right now we are trying to get the organization back off the ground," McKee said.

The honorary will be doing community service activities both this semester and next and holding a fund raiser in the fall to get its name back out on campus. McKee also said that the organization is hoping to hold a Speed Networking session with Communications.

Campus holds prayer vigil for Va. Tech



More than 250 people attended last night's prayer vigil for the families of the victims of the Virginia Tech massacre.

For more information, read the article in the Outside the Bubble section on Page A-3.

The Holcad *thanks Rev. Jim Mohr and his staff for this picture.*

Register

Students may have option of registering online as early as next semester

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not much has changed in the registration process since Pierce's addition. However, there have been improvements.

"People say it runs more smoothly," Pierce said. "We've tried to streamline it and make it more comfortable for students."

In addition, Pierce's office has introduced Campus Connect and online grading to the school.

While the registrar's office moves on to a busy last month of preparing for graduation and fixing any problems that may arise following the registration process, students are registering for class.

The registrar had some final advice for students.

"Come with lots of alternate course ideas and more than one," Pierce advised. "Classes are small and one you want may not be available. Also, make sure you have all the prequisites you need."

With this advice in mind, students headed to registration this past week, April 16-18, hoped to get the classes they both wanted and needed, but had a back-up plan.

Now there is the possibility that this was the last time students had to anxiously wait outside the Witherspoon Rooms with their fingers crossed.

Due to online registration, students can look for registration to be a whole new experience as early as next semester.

Future Media Professionals club introduced

Media savvy students form club

By Jamie Guffey
Campus writer

Students in all areas of study can now enjoy the world of media without having to study the subject.

The Future Media Professionals club, also known as FMP, recently started on campus. This is a club where students who enjoy the world of media can get together and dabble in all areas of media.

The club was formed to combine all media on campus, so students can pull together all forms of resources.

Senior Stevi Nelson is currently the president of the club and wants to get speakers, go to conferences and hopefully enter contests with student produced media projects.

"We encourage people in every major to join," Nelson said. "There is no need to be in a major based on media but there has to be a great interest."

The club was an idea of the students involved in broadcast communications, stemming from a capstone class taught by Bradley Weaver.

The club started in February and is looking to grow in the next couple of years.

"We started the organization to serve the members; we want members to get what they want out of it," Jill Carle, the club's treasurer, said. "This club is all about them."

There are no events that are coming up; however, the club will have its next meeting on Tuesday April 24 at 12:40 p.m. in the radio newsroom in McKelvey.

Scheduled meetings will be held twice a month on Tuesdays at 12:40 p.m. in the radio newsroom.

"We really want to stress that you do not have to be in media," Carle said. "We are willing to teach any student any form of media."

Students who wish to be involved can attend the meetings or can e-mail Nelson to be added to the shared folder.

This club has no dues.

FMP is hoping to grow and become a very well-known club on campus.

Earth

Students travel to Pittsburgh for Rachel Carson's centennial

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-ing the public of the dangerous effects of chemical pesticides. In Silent Spring (1962) she challenged the practices of agricultural scientists and the government, and called for a change in the way humankind viewed the natural world.

Eleven students and two professors, including Sierra Club advisor Dr. Shahroukh Mistry will be attending the event. Mistry is excited for the group to have the opportunity to learn of Carson's legacy. "Her work resulted in global awareness, significant action and taught an entire generation the importance of examining issues at multiple scales," said Mistry.

Voices as strong and resonant as Rachel Carson's are rare and treasured. It is by no coincidence that she was named by Time magazine as one of the most important persons of the last century."

What's even more exciting is that Carson is native to the Pittsburgh area. Sierra Club members hope that the centennial celebration will provide her legacy some much needed exposure.

Stitt stresses that "Too few people know of all the good she did and this is hard to believe considering she grew up in Pittsburgh, PA."

Senior Scott Davenport, although he is not a member of the Sierra Club, will still be joining the group for the trip to Pittsburgh. "I am excited to go and to hear Teresa Heinz."

The Sierra Club also hopes to attend centennial events in the fall which include a conference at Carnegie Mellon University and a multi-faith gathering to discuss the reverence for nature in all world religions. For more information on the Rachel Carson Legacy, log on to rachelcarsonhomestead.org.

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

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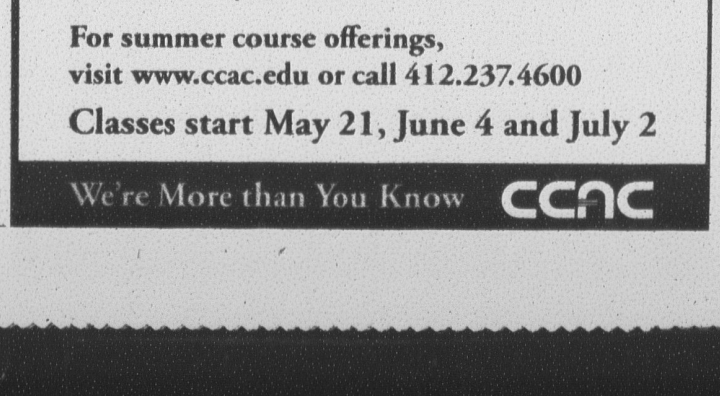
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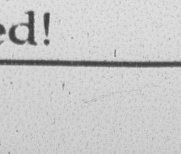
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Campus News

Professor steps up to "bat"

Dr. Shahroukh Mistry receives Henderson Lectureship Award for 2007-2008 year

By Kelly Corbin
Campus writer

Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology, received the 2007-2008 Henderson Lectureship Award and will speak about how global climate change can influence the distribution of species.

The purpose of the award is to foster and acknowledge original and continuing research and scholarship among faculty, and to share their research with the academic community.

The Henderson Lecture was founded by professor emeritus of education and former chair of the department and director of the Graduate Program, Dr. Joseph Henderson and his wife Elizabeth.

"I am delighted and honored to be chosen for the Henderson Award," Mistry said. "The college does a great job of supporting and showcasing faculty scholarship, and the Henderson is an excellent example of how important research is in a liberal arts community."

Mistry's research particularly focuses on how global climate change can influence the distribution of the vampire bat, Desmodus rotundus, in North America.

He has studied biology conservation issues relating to bats since 1986. Bat biology relates to applications in both medical and technological fields. One particular medical application relating to bat biology is that the anticoagulant in the blood of vampire bats is being used as the basis of a successful drug to treat stoke patients.

Also, the study of bat calls has been a model for understanding how echolocation works, which later became the foundation of sonar technology.

He chose to focus his research in North America because the vampire bat species in this study ranges from northern Mexico to South America.

Changes in the range extension of a species are most likely to be latitudinal or occur at elevation extremes. The current study is limited in the northern range extension because that is where more detailed climate information is available and allows for examination of the possible impacts of the species' range extension on the United States.

Dr. Bethany Hicok, Assistant Professor of English, delivered last year's Henderson Lecture, entitled "Marianne Moore's Student Hero: Poetry and Politics in the 1930s". She appreciates how the Henderson Award nurtures the campus' academic community.

"The Henderson Lecture is an important and prestigious award that showcases faculty research and creates a community of scholars on campus. I was really honored last year to be chosen for the Henderson. It was a wonderful experience. What's also great about the award is that every year, the past Henderson awardees come together as a community to honor the new Henderson Lecturer," Hicok said.

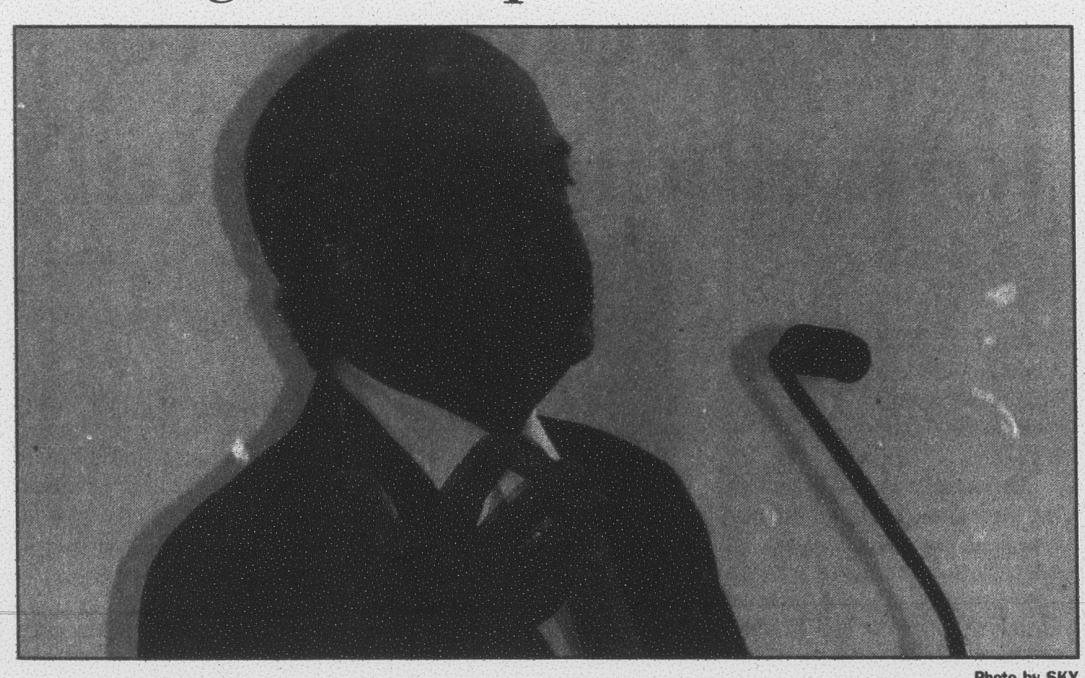
Biology Department Chair Joseph Balczon agrees that the Henderson Lecture Award facilitates an academic environment for faculty and is supportive of his colleague.

"Dr. Mistry is an outstanding representative of the biology department as he is consistently perceived in high regard among his peers and students," Balczon said. "I consider his current project very timely considering the media's coverage of how climate change affects different animal species."

Mistry has been a professor here since 2003, and earned his undergraduate degree from Maharaja Sayajirao University in India, Master's from the University of Tennessee and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico.

The Henderson Lecture will take place Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Witherspoon Maple Room of the McKelvey Campus Center.

Energy expert appears at Distinguished Speaker Series



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Christopher Flavin spoke to the campus on Thursday, April 19 concerning energy forms.

By Bill Nichols
Campus writer

The college's recent speaker for the Distinguished Speaker Series was energy expert Christopher Flavin whose speech 'Breaking America's Oil Addiction' was given on Thursday, April 19 in the Witherspoon Room of the McKelvey Campus Center.

"Renewable energy is far more abundant than fossil fuels are, and modern technology makes it possible to turn the energy of sunlight, wind, biomass, and ocean currents into useful energy forms such as electricity and hydrogen. An age of oil was inconceivable at the dawn of the 20th century," Flavin said. "The dominant economies of the 21st century will be those that are at the forefront of a new energy system, inventing and building fuel cells, wind turbines, hydrogen pipelines, solar cells, etc. Already, renewable energy markets are growing at 20-30 percent per year, creating billions of dollars of revenues and hundreds of thousands of jobs."

Flavin is the president of the Worldwatch Institute, an international research organization focused on environmental issues. Worldwatch is recognized around the world for its work on the global connections between economic, social, and environmental trends.

Flavin spoke of the potential for new energy technologies and strategies to replace fossil fuels and avoiding dangerous climate change. He talked of the anticipated changes now underway in world energy markets. Flavin has researched and wrote for twenty years on topics such as solar energy, wind power, bio energy, geothermal power, energy efficiency, and hydrogen, all of which are alternative sources of fuel.

Flavin is only the second speaker of the distinguished speaker series which is funded by a grant from the Lewis Foundation. The series explores the economic, social, religious, political and security aspects of environmental issues and is completely free and open to the public.

"To acquire knowledge of and to demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to the natural world is an integral part of a liberal arts education at Westminster," said Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, Westminster assistant professor of biology and

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SGA NOTES

- **SGA day is this Friday from 8-4, there will be banner or cards to sign to show our support for the families and whole campus of Virginia Tech.**
- **The Dean of Admissions interviews are in the process of being conducted.**
- **Allison Chlebowski is the April Senator of the Month.**
- **Ryan Kirk and Akesha Joseph will be the Board of Trustees Committee student representatives.**
- **There was an executive meeting with the president which went well and numerous issues were addressed.**

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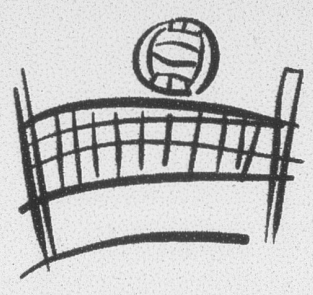

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Campus News

Tuition to rise for '07-'08

Annual increase result of higher utility, insurance, technology rates

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Students with summer jobs might need to work a few extra hours this year, as tuition is going up for next school year by almost $2,000.

According to President Williamson, the tuition will be raised from the current cost of $31,290 to $33,190 for the 2007-08 academic year. He said the main reasons for the increase were rising utility and electrical costs, employee healthcare insurance increases, and a technology fee increase. He said that these costly components, and others, are taken into consideration each year when determining a tuition rate.

"The costs of running a college are assembled each year and used to try to match revenues with expenses," Williamson said.

Although most students shudder at the thought of tuition increasing by one more penny, Williamson assured that he takes the price of education very seriously and "tries mightily" to be sure it is not out of proportion with the average price exceed of other private institutions.

"The average national percentage for tuition increase in private institutions was six percent," Williamson said. "Westminster only experienced a four percent increase."

One of the major reasons for the tuition hike was an increase in utilities costs such as water and electricity. Williamson said upcoming renovations to the dorm buildings and the library will help to make the college more energy efficient by adding double-paned windows, fluorescent light bulbs, and insulated steam pipes. He also said that the newly constructed townhouses currently feature geothermal heating systems.

Another primary reason why tuition went up was because of rising health care costs for employees. Williamson said that this is not something that students can directly control, but is a national issue that all colleges have to deal with.

"After Sept. 11, insurance rates went up and now that we finally have that under control, health insurance costs are rising," Williamson said. "So, one costly thing just seems to happen after the other."

Although students cringe at having to pay so much money for an education, most realize that if the college provides a quality experience, then it is worth the money. Sophomore Gwen Gorski feels the tuition raise can be good if used for the right things.

"I think the tuition raise is a good thing if it is used to make our experiences worthwhile," Gorski said. "The education is great and if they use money towards things like improving the food service and remodeling the dorms then it will be good."

Williamson emphasized that funding for all major renovation costs such as the McGill library project and the townhouse construction are not taking out of tuition, but

are entirely paid for by outside funding such as private donations, so students do not directly pay for those such things.

Still, some students wonder.

He also said that students can take small steps to help save resource costs by shutting off lights when leaving a room, turning off computers when not in use, and not committing acts of vandalism. He also said that student communication is a good idea.

"Students should communicate with SGA about ideas, issues, and things they want to see happen with the school to make it the best experience possible," Williamson said.

Speaker

Distinguished Speaker Series introduces energy expert Christopher Flavin

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-coordinator of this series. "This speaker series is an important step toward developing an interdisciplinary and cooperative approach to engaging students in becoming knowledgeable and responsible stewards of the natural world and their communities."

The past speakers for the distinguished speaker series included William McDonough, a world-renowned architect and winner of three U.S. presidential awards: the Presidential Award for Sustainable Development, the National Design Award, and the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award.

Time magazine recognized McDonough as a "Hero for the Planet" in 1999.

Scrawl features readings of two renowned authors

Amy Newman, Joe Bonomo appear on campus

By Jenna C. Retort
Campus writer

Scrawl unveiled the latest edition of their literary magazine on Thursday, April 12, by featuring the readings of two authors.

Dr. Swerdlow, professor of English, introduced the first author, award-winning poet Amy Newman, whom he met in graduate school at Ohio University. Newman is a professor of English at Northern Illinois University and is the author of three books of poetry.

"Amy's work is sensually alert to the world," Swerdlow said. "It is never quite straightforward."

Newman's poetry collection includes the books "Order, or Disorder," "Camera Lyrica," for which she won the Cleveland State Poetry Center Prize and the Beatrice Hawley Award, and her most recent work, "Fall."

Newman began the event by reading a few selections from her second book "Camera Lyrica." She also read a few excerpts from Darwin's unfinished notes to Emma, which were unfinished notes to his wife.

These notes describe Darwin's struggles with his long expeditions and the separation from his wife.

Newman then proceeded to her latest work, "Fall." In "Fall," Newman examines the 72 different definitions of the word fall through her poetry. One of the poems that Newman shared was prompted by the definition to fall back on or upon.

This work falls back to her parents' wedding day, or what she imagined her parents wedding day to be, as she was not born at the time of her parents wedding.

This poem also falls back to her mother's breast cancer, "the ambush," which is another definition of the word fall.

"My father never understood my poetry, but he wanted me to write about my mother after she died," Newman said. "I didn't want to write about grief; grief is incomprehensible, but that is usually how my work turns out."

The last poem that she read from Fall was the last poem of the book, "Often capital F, autumn."

The poem examines the relationship between grief and beauty and their coexistence in the fall.

Dr. John Bonomo introduced the second speaker, his brother Joe Bonomo, who is a professor at the University of Northern Illinois. Joe Bonomo began as a poet, and now is a creative non-fiction author.

Bonomo read two selections from his personal essays. One of the essays that he shared was "Swooning at Saint Andrew's," which is featured in "River Teeth," a journal of non-fiction narratives.

This non-fiction narrative is about one of his experiences at St. Andrews, when one of his classmates passed out on a sultry day.

Bonomo is also the author of "Sweat: Thirty Years of Nonstop Rock and Roll with the Fleshtones, America's Garage band."

This book has not been released yet, but is approaching release from Continuum Press.

"Both authors were simply astounding," sophomore Sarah Petcovic said. "Authors of their caliber are great for this campus, and hopefully they can present here again."

New professor to join sociology staff

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

Ficco

Amid the rush of registration, students may have noticed an unfamiliar name among the list of sociology professors for the fall semester.

Ms. Danielle Ficco will be joining the sociology staff for the next year as an interim professor, as Dr. Kitzerow will be teaching with the Westminster at Oxford program for the fall semester and Dr. Park will be on sabbatical for the spring.

"Since we needed someone to teach for the entire year, taking Dr. Kitzerow's courses in the fall and my courses in the spring, Dean Mann said that we should hire a visiting professor for the entire year" Dr. Park, the Sociology Program Coordinator, said.

Ms. Ficco is currently working towards her Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh, and will be finishing her dissertation this summer, which is entitled "Battering, Work and Welfare: Women's Assessment of the Link."

"Ms. Ficco appealed to us because her area of specification is race, class and gender, and how those three areas intersect," Park said. "We will be pleased to have her on board because she really teaches central ideas in sociology that are very critical in our program."

The courses that Ficco will teach here include "Principles of Sociology," "Social Inequality," and "Sociology of Gender" in the fall semester. In the spring semester, she will teach "Principles of Sociology," "Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective" and an upper level seminar in family violence.

"I decided to accept the position at Westminster because it is a relatively small school which places a great emphasis on quality of teaching," Ficco said. "In a smaller classroom setting, I have the luxury of really getting to know my students and challenging them on a deeper level."

Ficco has a variety of experience in teaching, having taught multiple courses at University of Pittsburgh, Carlow University and Washington and Jefferson College. Her courses in the past have covered such topics as gender studies, marriage and family, introductory sociology and social problems.

"Especially for a graduate student, Ms. Ficco has an extensive and varied teaching experience" Park said. "We were really impressed with her knowledge and her ease of interaction within the classroom."

Ms. Ficco looks forward to joining Westminster's staff in the fall.

"I like the idea that Westminster is focused on quality of teaching because I believe that if students are paying for an education, they should get the very best that the school has to offer," Ficco said. "I look forward to meeting new people and learning from students about their interests and educational aspirations."

Author, religious figure to visit campus

By Bridget Roth
Campus writer

Author and religious figure Faith Adiele will be visiting campus as a part of the Heinz Lecture Series on April 24.

The lecture, entitled "Meeting Faith: The Forest Journals of a Black Buddhist Nun," will be held at 7 p.m. in Mueller Theater.

Dr. Bryan Rennie, the Vira I. Heinz chair of religion, organized this lecture, inviting Adiele to speak about her experiences as Thailand's first Buddhist nun.

According to Rennie, this series is meant to encourage an appreciation of diversity.

"It is important to become comfortable and accustomed to the diversity of reality," Rennie said. "Interaction within religions helps to humanize the tradition."

Throughout the lecture, Adiele will speak about her experiences as a Buddhist nun, while incorporating details about her struggles as a woman, African American and immigrant. Adiele has written numerous works that relate to her experiences growing up as a Nigerian-Nordic-American. These memoirs discuss issues such as identity, travel, culture and spirituality.

"Since this is a Christian-based school, I think it's really cool that the series brings in different cultures," sophomore Stef Niziol said. "It helps to expand our cultural awareness and makes us more well-rounded."

Adiele is also the writer, narrator and subject of a PBS documentary entitled "My Journey Home." The documentary discusses her struggles growing up with a Nordic-American single mother and her journey to Nigeria as an adult to find her father and siblings. Her most current memoir, entitled Meeting Faith: An Inward Odyssey, discusses her becoming Thailand's first Buddhist nun, and has received the PEN Beyond Margins Award for Best Memoir of 2005.

Adiele is currently Assistant Professor of Creative Nonfiction at the University of Pittsburgh. Her current projects include "Twins: Growing Up Nigerian/Nordic/American," a work that is both a memoir and an account of cultural history, and Coming of Age Around the World, an international anthology. "Twins" will complete the story begun in the documentary film.

"This speaker will be a wonderful way for students to expand their knowledge about different religious backgrounds," sophomore Dominique Galletta said. "I think Faith Adiele will have a great impact on the students that attend the lecture."

The Heinz lectures began in the early nineties, through a one million dollar endowment from Vira I. Heinz.

As chair of the series, Rennie organizes all events to complement the classes offered in the religion department. According to Rennie, the series was created as a study of religion in a global and ecumenical standpoint. That is, the series focuses on the nature and study of religion.

These lectures have hosted a wide range of cultural representatives, such as Tibetan Buddhist monks, a Native American Pipe-carrier and Sundancer, Princeton scholar of early Christianity, Elaine Pagels and many other experts on religion.

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Milder with sunshine	Mostly sunny and beautiful	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Spotty afternoon showers	Intervals of clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Rain

Weather History

Powerful storms struck Mississippi and Texas on April 20, 1982. A strong wind turned over trailers at Richland, Miss., and baseball-sized hail fell at Burnett, Texas.

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Butler, PA	69	33	s	71	34	s	74	48	s	71	50	sh	65	42	pc
Cambridge, OH	71	36	s	73	37	s	74	49	s	72	51	c	67	44	pc
Canton, OH	71	37	s	72	40	s	72	50	s	71	49	sh	65	43	pc
Cincinnati, OH	70	41	s	76	45	s	76	55	s	75	53	t	68	50	pc
Clarion, PA	70	31	s	72	40	s	72	49	s	68	47	sh	62	40	pc
Clarksburg, WV	71	36	pc	74	40	s	75	48	s	76	51	pc	73	49	c
Cleveland, OH	67	35	s	71	41	s	71	53	s	74	50	sh	61	41	pc
Columbus, OH	71	45	s	75	46	s	76	54	s	73	52	sh	67	47	pc
Cumberland, MD	67	37	s	76	42	s	73	48	s	74	50	pc	69	46	pc
Erie, PA	65	36	s	64	40	s	68	51	s	68	48	sh	57	40	pc
Franklin, PA	67	32	s	72	36	s	73	49	s	68	48	sh	62	40	pc
Greensburg, PA	69	33	s	73	43	s	75	51	s	72	52	sh	67	45	pc

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Greenville, PA	67	33	s	70	37	s	72	50	s	69	48	sh	62	41	pc
Grove City, PA	67	31	s	71	35	s	73	48	s	69	49	sh	64	41	pc
Hagerstown, MD	74	38	s	73	42	s	72	50	s	74	52	s	69	46	pc
Indiana, PA	69	34	s	73	40	s	74	48	s	74	51	sh	68	44	pc
Jamestown, NY	65	37	s	67	38	s	65	48	s	64	47	sh	56	39	pc
Kittanning, PA	69	31	s	73	38	s	74	49	s	73	51	sh	67	44	pc
Lisbon, OH	71	33	s	74	40	s	73	51	s	70	49	sh	64	43	pc
Mansfield, OH	69	40	s	73	42	s	72	51	s	74	49	sh	62	42	pc
Marietta, OH	73	35	pc	75	40	s	77	50	s	76	52	pc	73	48	pc
McKeesport, PA	69	36	s	74	45	s	74	52	s	71	52	sh	67	46	pc
Meadville, PA	67	37	s	68	40	s	70	50	s	69	47	sh	60	41	pc
Morgantown, WV	71	36	s	74	39	s	75	49	s	74	52	c	68	46	c
New Castle, PA	67	34	s	73	36	s	74	50	s	71	48	sh	65	42	pc

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Pittsburgh, PA	70	38	s	74	40	s	73	51	s	70	52	c	68	45	c
Sharon, PA	67	34	s	71	36	s	73	50	s	69	48	sh	63	41	pc
Somerset, PA	69	40	s	67	42	s	69	50	s	67	49	c	63	43	pc
Steubenville, OH	71	36	s	73	41	s	73	52	s	70	52	sh	67	45	pc
Uniontown, PA	69	33	s	73	37	s	77	48	s	74	51	c	68	44	c
Warren, OH	69	34	s	71	36	s	73	50	s	70	49	sh	64	41	pc
Washington, PA	70	33	s	73	34	s	76	46	s	75	49	c	69	40	pc
Waynesburg, PA	70	34	s	73	37	s	76	47	s	74	50	c	68	43	pc
Wheeling, WV	71	38	s	73	41	s	73	52	s	70	52	c	67	45	pc
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Zanesville, OH	71	36	s	74	38	s	73	48	s	72	50	sh	67	45	pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Lady Titans split doubleheader against Case

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The softball team split a non-conference doubleheader April 13 at home against Case Western Reserve.

The Lady Titans won the first game 2-0 and lost the second game 13-4.

The Lady Titans scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning of the first game to secure the win as freshman Addie Parker singled home senior Kristin Zyskowski after freshman Kayla Rosati drew a bases-loaded walk. Sophomore Amy Cornicelli Zyskowski and junior Maria Joseph led the Titans' six-hit attack as they each went 2 for 3.

Senior pitcher Jennifer Pancake improved her record to 8-3 on the season by pitching a complete-game, two-hit shutout with no walks and one strikeout

The Titans scored four runs on four hits in the second game, but gave up 13 runs on 12 hits while committing five errors.

Rosati hit a two-run double in the top of the second inning to give the Titans a 2-1 lead; however, freshman starting pitcher Jennifer Emery surrendered six CWRU runs in the bottom of the second to give the Spartans a 7-2 lead. Chelsea Poelking went three for three with two RBIs to lead Case Western Reserve in the second game, while four hits came from Parker, Emery, Pancake and Rosati.

Pancake was named PAC Softball Pitcher of the Week. She did not give up an earned run in 26 2/3 innings as she posted a 4-0 record during the week, giving up one run on 13 hits with one walk and 13 strikeouts. She made six appearances and went the distance in three starts.

Pancake was also a candidate for PAC Hitter of the Week with her .588 batting average that included two doubles, a home run and eight RBIs. The Lady Titans posted a 5-1 record last week.

The softball team swept a doubleheader at Saint Vincent in non-conference action April 14. The Lady Titans won the first game, 6-1, and the second game, 5-4.

The Lady Titans clinched the sweep in the bottom of the seventh inning of game two when Cornicelli hit a no-out, walk-off single to center field with the bases loaded scoring Emery the game-winner. The teams were tied, 4-4, after Saint Vincent scored three runs in the fifth inning. Emery, Pancake and freshman Sarah Woodward led the Titans in game two with two hits apiece. Both teams had 10 hits in the second game.

Pancake earned the wins in each game, starting the first game and pitching two innings of relief in the second game.

Pancake relieved Emery in game two giving up two hits in two innings. Emery went five innings, surrendering four runs on eight hits. Pancake went the distance in the first game, hurling seven innings and giving up one run on five hits with four strikeouts. Neither Lady Titan pitcher gave up a walk in both games.

The Lady Titans scored six runs on nine hits in the first game on the Bearcat pitcher, who went seven innings with four walks and 10 strikeouts.

The Titans scored a run in the first inning and took a 4-0 lead with three runs in the third inning.

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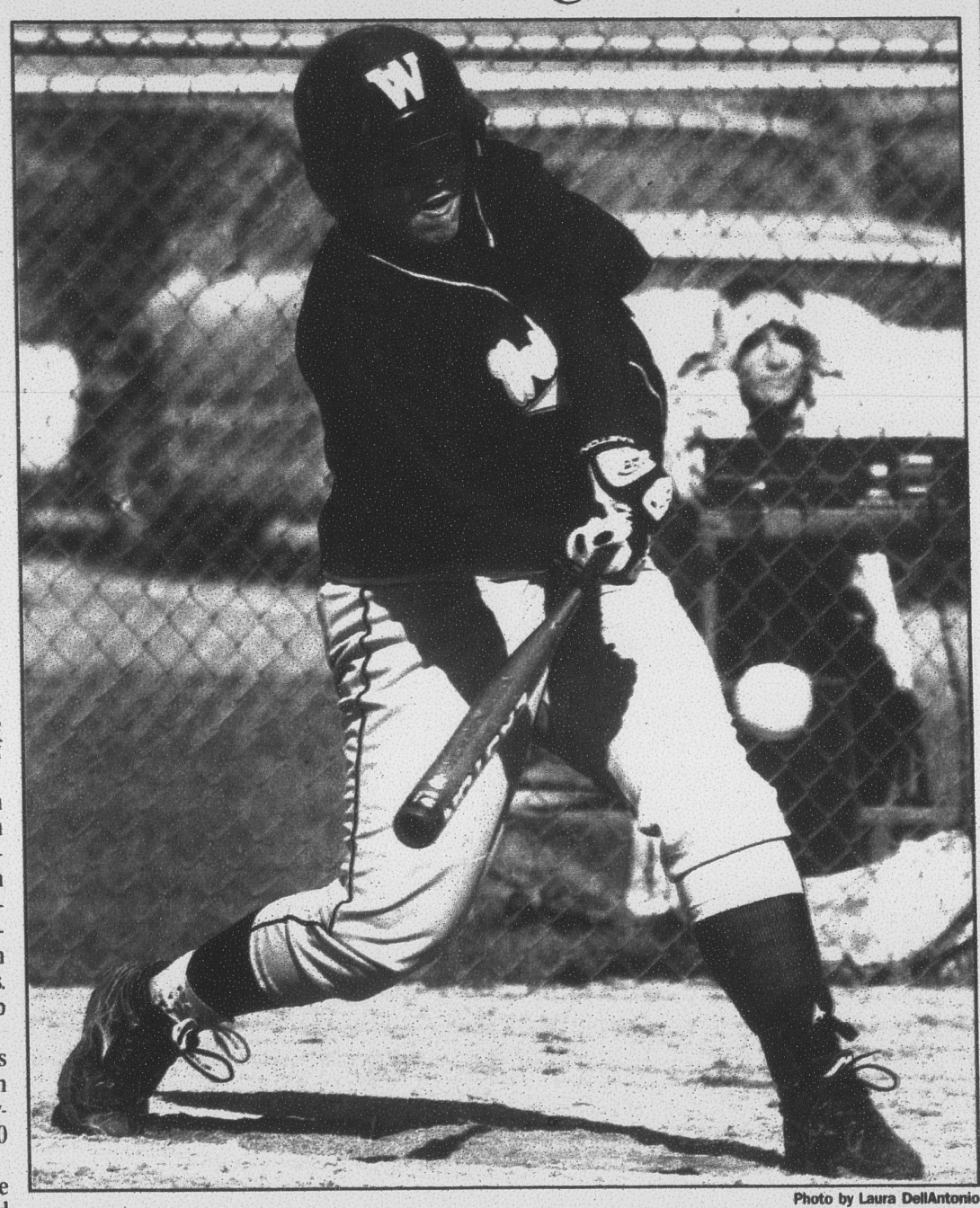

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Jennifer Pancake rips out a hit in the win against Case Western Reserve on April 13. The Lady Titans host Waynesburg on April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

State of the Sports Address

Pens in the playoffs, Pirates at .500, and the Steelers looking at possibly taking a home grown first rounder makes it an exciting time for Pittsburgh sports fans.

Sir Sidney has taken strides in what will be the first of many playoff series for him and the Penguins. Scoring in three of the first four games solidifies that Sid has all of the skills needed to dominate not only in the regular season, but on the NHL's biggest stage.

Complementing Crosby in the youth department during the duration of the playoffs has not been sure-to-be rookie of the year Evgeni Malkin, but rather fellow Canadian and youngest player on the ice Jordan Staal. Staal has matched Crosby's mark of three goals this postseason with fewer minutes and more responsibility on special teams.

Setting the Penguins' youth aside, it has been the play of veteran acquisition Gary Roberts that has stolen the show in the playoffs. Roberts, a seasoned and experienced forward, has given the Pens everything from goals to assists to reckless and fearless hitting.

To this point, the difference in the series has been the play of the Ottawa defensemen compared the play of the Pittsburgh defensemen. Ottawa's defensemen have played a part in over fifty percent of their team's goals whether it be scoring the goal or assisting it. Although Marc-Andre Fleury should not be blamed for the teams 3-1 deficit, he has unquestionably been outperformed by his counterpart, Ray Emery.

If the Pens are to come back and win the series, they will have a long road ahead of them. The Penguins have been one of the most resilient teams in the NHL all season. As I watched Game 4, I saw a fan holding up a sign that epitomized the way Pens' fans feel, "WE BELIEVE."

Enjoy it while it lasts, the Pirates currently stand at 6-6. .500 or better is a winning percentage that Buccos' fans are not accustomed to seeing. The reason I have optimism for the Pirates this season is that they are .500 and have not been hitting well. The young pitching staff has kept the team in games and Pittsburgh has mustered up enough runs to get to .500.

Just think if Salomon Torres had not blown two save opportunities early this year, the Pirates could be looking at a record of 8-4. How about if we would have had Mike Gonzalez and his perfect record of converting save opportunities from last season instead of Adam LaRoche and his miniscule .109 batting ave. ge?

Ian Snell has shown that he is a big league pitcher. Zach Duke and Tom Gorzelanny have also shown flashes that they can be solid pitchers this season. If the Pirates are to do the unthinkable and actually venture into the abyss that is above .500, Freddy Sanchez, Jason Bay, and Adam LaRoche have to become the offensive juggernauts the Pirates thought they would by adding LaRoche to protect other hitters in the lineup.

The first step in rebuilding the Pirates would be selling the franchise to charismatic and exuberant owner Mark Cuban. Cuban would instantly relate to the fans and pay for players who can help the Pirates regain legitimate title aspirations.

One final thought dealing with why the Steelers should indeed take home-town-hero Darrelle Revis is because he played his college ball on the cow pasture of a surface we call Heinz Field.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Titan Track has record setting week

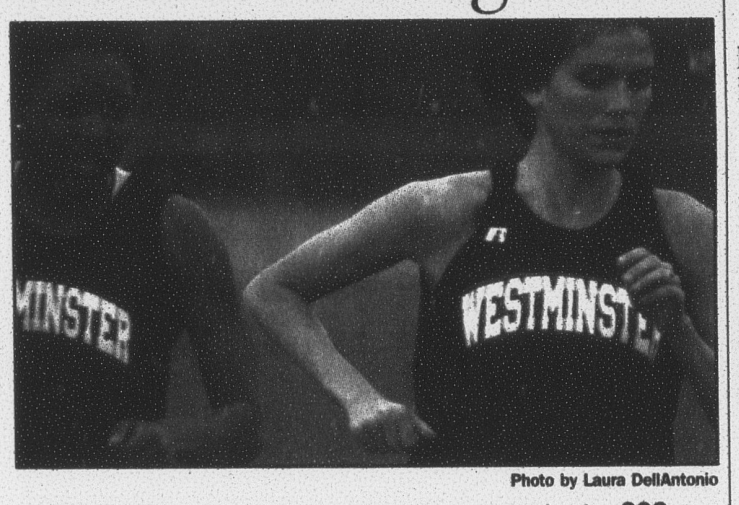

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Tiffani Miller and Rebecca Shiner compete in the 800-meter run in yesterday's dual track meet against Waynesburg.

By Bob Long
Sports writer

Westminster's track and field team had two meets this past week. The first of the 2 was on April 11 against Grove City and the second was on April 14 at the Slippery Rock invitational.

Neither of the two meets kept team scores on the day. Westminster had multiple incredible individual performances over the week building up new school records.

The most impressive showings of the week came from the girls track team.

Megan Harding qualified for the ECAC Championships by winning the 100 dash at Grove City Wednesday with a time of 12.84.

This was not the only record setting performance by Harding however, she also ran a leg of the 4x100 relay team that won the Grove City meet with a time of 51.35. She helped set a new school record in the event at Slippery Rock on Saturday with a sixth-place time of 50.31. Harding's performance gave her SAAC Titan Athlete of the week honors for the week of April 16.

To go along with Harding, Alicia Crum, Jill Diamond, and Kristen Van Sickel now share a place in the Titan track and field record book for their part in the 4x100 relay. During this record setting week sophomore Kate Kushner also qualified for the ECAC with a time of 1:07.18 in the 400 meter hurdles giving her fifth-place finish at SRU.

Sophomore Amanda Smallhoover and junior Jess Cooper tied in the high jump after jumping an impressive 1.55 meters tying for 4th place. Freshman Lynn Riley placed fifth in the pole vault with a jump of 2.74 meters. With the girls looking so strong the men had a lot to live up to over the week.

Notable male performances of the week include freshman sprinter Brad Adams who placed 36th out of 48 with a time of 12.17 seconds in 100 meter dash and 20th out of 35 in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.69. Scott Seserko placed 20th in the 5000 meter run at the Slippery Rock invitational out of 32 competitors. Nate Cappello placed 30th out of 57 throwers in the discus at SRU for his efforts.

Titan's track and field is alive and well and never has it been more evident than last week. Congratulations to the new record holders and good luck to the team. The Titans are back in action on April 21 at Burry Stadium for the Westminster Invitational.

SAAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Megan Harding

Sophomore

Harding qualified for the ECAC Championships by winning the 100-meter dash at the Grove City Quadrangular April 11 with a time of 12.84. Harding also ran on the 4x100 relay team that won the Grove City meet (51.35) and set a new school record at the Slippery Rock University Invitational Saturday with a sixth-place time of 50.31.

"SCORDELL" signs with United Soccer League team

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

As the year came to an end, most seniors' careers ended with the with the title of PAC champions, but as for senior Blake Ordell, his career has merely just begun with the title of a Cincinnati King.

After attending an open try-out for the United Soccer League's Cincinnati Kings in February, Ordell was invited back to a second try-out.

After the second try-out Ordell was asked to sign with the team.

However, this wasn't just something that happened overnight, Ordell had set his sight here for a long time.

"It has been my goal to play professional soccer since I started playing at age five," Ordell said.

Since that young age, Ordell has put a ton of hard work and dedication in order to be where he is now.

Contributed photo by Brad Ziegler Photography

Senior Blake Ordell signed with the Cincinatti Kings, a United Soccer League team.

Before college Ordell had been playing soccer in the Detroit area for sixteen years. Ordell played for a number of clubs through out those years, including the Fraser Express United, the Detroit Ajax, and Fraser High School's varsity soccer.

After graduating from Fraser High School, Ordell attended Westminster College where he would continue his journey to become even better.

"My biggest influence has been Head Coach Girish Thakar," Ordell said. "Girish has been a great mentor and coach for the past four years, helping me to bring my understanding and skill in the game to the next level."

Not only was Ordell able to play at the college and surrounding areas, he also had the opportunity to play overseas several time. He played in England for six months while he was studying abroad at the University of Central Lancashire. Ordell was able to play not only with the University, also with the Feildmount Football Club in Manchester.

This experience in England has taught Ordell a lot about different formations and different playing styles.

"In England soccer, is part of their culture," states Ordell, "which was heaven for me."

This will certainly have helped Ordell, as he has found out that this league is a whole new skill level.

"The speed of the game is very fast, but I am getting use to it," Ordell explained. "It is a lot more physical than college ball and a great level of play."

But Ordell certainly wont let this be a road block for him.

"This is only the beginning," Ordell said. "I still have more goals to accomplish."

Ordell plans to get into the starting line up on the Kings team and aid yet another team in winning the championship.

One day, Ordell hopes to play in the MLS or overseas.

He is looking forward to his first game which will be a home opener on Saturday April 28.

Sports

Men's Tennis tops Thomas More, falls to Grove City

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sophomore Nate Dodd smashes one across the net in the Titans 3-6 loss to Saint Vincent on April 18. The team travels to Erie, PA for the PAC Chamionships on April 20-21.

By Bob Long
Sports writer

On April 14th, the Westminster men's tennis team faced off in a PAC doubleheader against Thomas More and Grove City. This match was held at home to make up cancelled matches earlier this season. The Titans defeated Thomas More, 5-4, and lost to Grove City, 9-0.

In the match against Thomas More the Titans came out of the gates weakly suffer losses at the 1 and 2 positions. Gene Cunningham lost to Mike Selm 6-2 and 6-0 in the number 1 spot. The battle at the number 2 was between Joe Ruzeck of Thomas More and Westminster's Stefan Hadricky, Ruzeck won the match 6-0 and 6-1.

Westminster got its first win of the match in the 3rd spot as Fred Romeo defeated Ryan Thompson 6-1 and 6-1. The next set was between the 4 spots and Nate Dodd bested John Bergman 6-2 and 6-2. Mark Drabick of Westminster and Dave Sheeley had the first battle of the match; Sheeley lost 6-3 and 6-4. The 6th and final singles match of the meet was between Thomas More's Marc Lucas and the Titans Scott Lawrence. Lawrence lost the match, but fought a valiant battle stretching it out to 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-8.

The Titans won 2 out of 3 doubles matches with the only loss coming in the number 1 spot. Cunningham and Hadricky were ousted by Selm and Ruzeck of Grove City 8-2.

Both the 2 and 3 doubles teams won giving Westminster the advantage in the match. Fred Romeo and Dusty Rhodes defeated Thompson and Sheeley 8-5. In the 3rd doubles Mark Drabick and Scott Lawrence beat Bergman and Lucas 8-4.

The Titans also faced off against PAC powerhouse Grove City. Grove City won every match of the meet against

Westminster in straight sets. John Moyer beat Gene Cunningham 6-0 and 6-2, Peter Davis defeated Stefan Hadricky 6-0 and 6-1, and Chris Baker beat Fred Romeo 6-0 and 6-1. The 4th, 5th, and 6th spots went exactly the same starting with Nate Dodd's loss to Kyle Johnson 6-2 and 6-1. The 5th spot was between Grove City's Jeremy Dwyer beat Mark Drabick 6-1 and 6-2. The 6th singles match of the meet was between Shaun Mills and Scott Lawrence, Lawrence lost 6-2 and 6-1.

The doubles matches were just as lopsided as Grove City swept the Titans 3-0. John Moyer and Peter Davis defeated Gene Cunningham and Stefan Hadricky 8-5 in the number 1 slot.

Baker and Johnson defeated Dusty Rhodes and Fred Romeo 8-0 and Dwyer and Mills beat Lawrence and Drabick 8-1 to end the day.

Men's golf team plays in Mid-Atlantic Regional

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The men's golf team placed 12th out of 15 teams after completing the two-day Mid-Atlantic Regional Monday at Hershey Country Club's East Course.

The Titans shot a 346 in the first round Sunday before carding a 330 in the second round Monday to finish with a score of 676. Franklin & Marshall won the event with a 624, followed by Allegheny, Wesley, St. John Fisher, Carnegie Mellon, McDaniel, Susquehanna, Rochester, York, Washington & Jefferson and SUNY Oswego. The Titans finished ahead of Penn State-Altoona, Hobart and Nazareth.

Sophomore Ravi Amina led the Titans by tying for 39th place with a score of 167, followed by junior Jeff Skubick in a tie for 43rd with a 168 and by freshman Steve Previs with a 170 for a 49th-place tie.

Rounding out the Westminster scorers were sophomore Dave Horn with 55th-place score of 171 and sophomore Nick Marzo tying for 67th with a 178.

The men's golf team returns to action at the PAC Championships on April 25.

Senior Kelly Spisak was named PAC Women's Golfer of the Week. Spisak won medalists honors by carding a score of 92 to win the two-team Grove City Invitational held Thursday, April 12.

The women's golf team won the Grove City College Invitational Thursday at the Grove City Country Club. The Titans won the event with a team score of 383, beating out host Grove City's score of 435. Waynesburg also had individuals competing at the event.

Spisak won medalists honors by carding a score of 92 (44-48). Six Titans made up the top seven on the leader board as junior Emilee Ackerman placed second shooting a 94, and classmate Danielle Adams fired a 95 for third.

Freshman Alex Alfieri, freshman Lauren Seiger and senior Alicia Zeis all tied for fifth place by stroking a 102. The Titans return to action when they head to the PAC Championships on April 24.

Titan Baseball finishes Thiel doubleheader 1-1

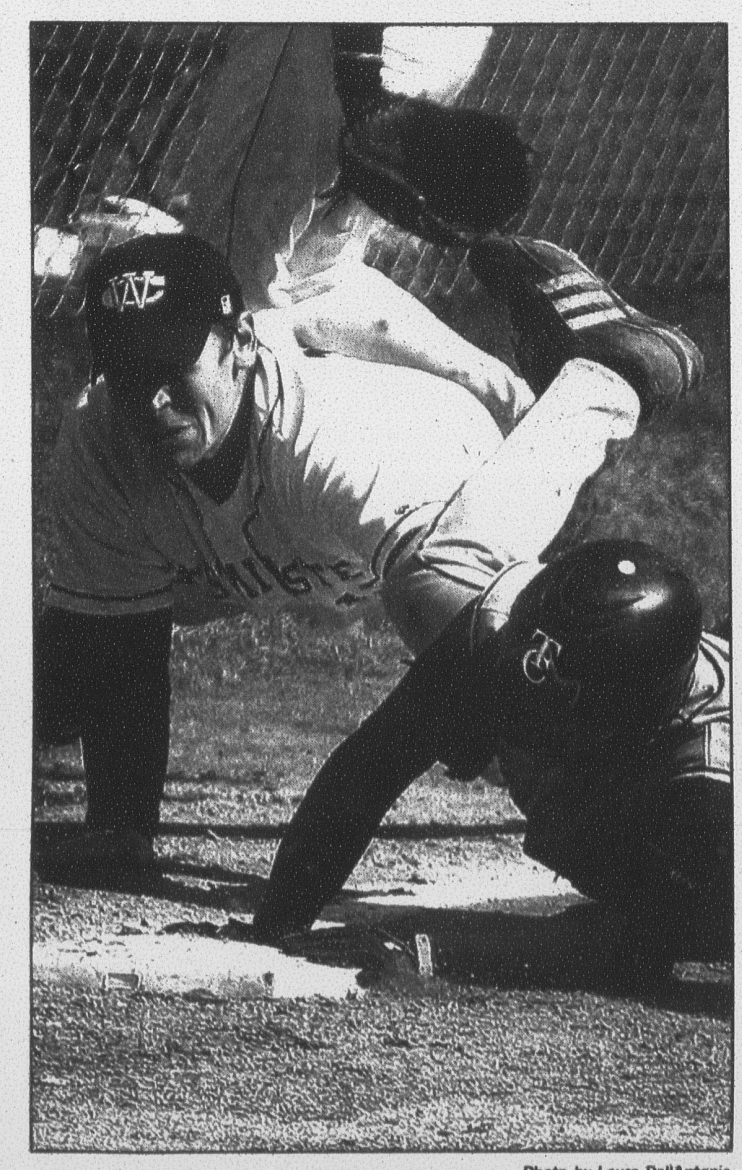

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Titans compete with PAC opponent Grove City in a three-game series beginning Friday, April 20.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports writer

The baseball team hosted a doubleheader with PAC opponent Thiel last weekend. The Titans lost the first game with a score of 6-3 but went on to win the second, 6-2.

Sophomore Mike Busin was doubled home in the first inning by junior David Colella, which put Westminster on the board. Sophomore John Izzo followed in the second inning with a score on a groundout by senior Mike O'Leary.

Busin scored two of the first three runs in the second game including a solo home run in the third inning that gave the Titans a 3-0 lead. In the fifth inning, Busin scored the last of the Titans' three runs.

Junior Brandon Drespling and classmate Donnie Womeldorff each contributed two hits to the Titans' nine-hit attack during the game.

Junior Jake Zatchok pitched 6 1/3 innings during the second game with two runs on seven hits, two walks and no strikeouts. After entering the game in the seventh inning with the bases loaded and the tying run on deck, freshman David Evans earned the save.

Thiel's Tomcats took a 3-0 lead early in the first game after Izzo gave up three singles and allowed runs on a sac fly, an error and a balk. Izzo pitched 3 1/3 innings with four runs on seven hits, a walk and two strikeouts.

Colella, Izzo and Drespling had two hits apiece during the first game. The nine total hits in the first game matched the total hits in the second game.

The Titans played the rubber match of a three-game series Saturday at Greenville and suffered a loss, 15-1.

The Titans gave up 15 runs on 17 hits and had three errors after giving up five runs in the first inning. Westminster scored in the eighth inning when Izzo led off with a double and scored with two outs from third on a Thiel throwing error.

Junior Andrew Robison was among the four Titans who took the mound. Robison suffered the loss after pitching 3 2/3 innings and giving up eight runs on eight hits and a walk with three strikeouts.

The Titans suffered a 16-1 loss on April 17 against nationally-ranked W&J, who out-hit the Titans 18-3.

A combined 49 players participated in the game, including six Titan pitchers and five pitchers from W&J. Senior Tony Cunningham suffered the loss pitching 3 1/3 innings, giving up seven runs on seven hits. Cunningham had a walk and no strikeouts.

The Titans scored their only run of the game when James Padula hit a bases-loaded single scoring Busin for the team's third hit of the game.

Softball

Lady Titans' doubleheader results

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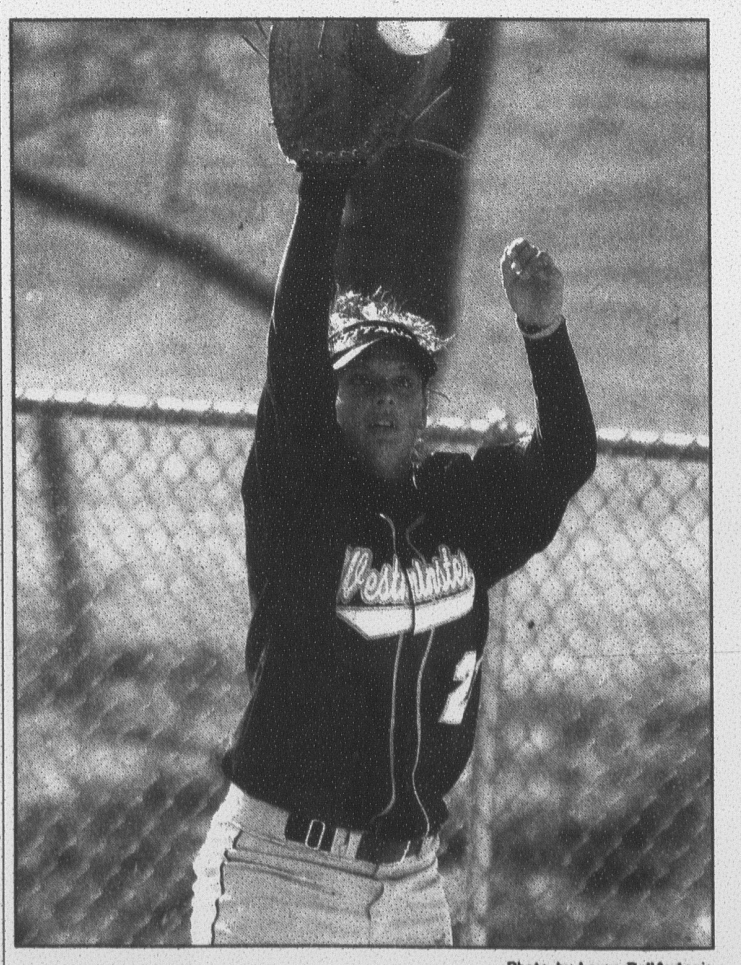
All the runs were scored when Saint Vincent centerfielder committed a three-run error on a ball hit by Westminster's Joseph with the bases loaded.

Zyskowski led the Titans in the first game by going two for four with a run and a RBI, while Parker went two for three with a run.

Westminster hosts Washington & Jefferson Tuesday, Aprii 23 at 4 p.m.



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Freshman first baseman Jennifer Emery makes an out for the Lady Titans in their first game 2-0 win against Case Western Reserve on April 13.

Calendar

April 20, 2007

Men's Tennis at PAC Championships in Erie, PA

Deadline to Contact Chapel Office Re Participation in Post-Graduation Work Trip to the Gulf Coast

Green Party Tree Planting

Sierra Student Coalition Trip to Rachel Carson Centennial Celebration -- Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SGA Day

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Spring Sale (One Day Only) -- MCC Titan Gift Shop

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Career Center Presents Guest Speaker Debra Mills, Director of Partnerships for Center for Occupational Research and Development -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:00 PM Baseball at Grove City -- NOTE TIME CHANGE

4:15 PM - 11:00 PM International Cultures Club's Pittsburgh Gallery Crawl: Free Showcases of Art and Entertainment in the Cultural District -- Meet in MCC Lobby to Board Vans

7:00 PM Chemistry Department Awards Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Love Among the Russians -- Beeghly Theater

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Children of Men -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM CPC Presents Leighann Lord, Comic -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

9:30 PM Chapel Drama Rehearsal -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Stamp the Yard -- MCC Mueller Theater

April 21, 2007

Tri Beta Trip to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY

Men's and Women's Track and Field Hosts Westminster Invitational

Men's Tennis at PAC Championships in Erie, PA

9:00 AM Chapel Drama Setup -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM ALLIES Conference -- MCC Mueller Theaert

1:00 PM Softball vs. Waynesburg (H)

1:00 PM Baseball vs. Grove City (H)

3:00 PM Senior Piano Recital: Caitlyn Preston -- Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Love Among the Russians -- Beeghly Theater

8:00 PM Amnesty International's Jamnesty -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Stamp the Yard -- MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Children of Men -- MCC Mueller Theater

April 22, 2007

EARTH DAY

Men's Golf at Allegheny Invitational

2:00 PM Chapel Drama -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Love Among the Russians -- Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Children of Men -- MCC Mueller Theater

5:30 PM Men's Basketball Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:00 PM Vespers/Chapel Drama -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Stamp the Yard -- MCC Mueller Theater

April 23, 2007

Men's Golf at Allegheny Invitational

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

GREEK WEEK

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM Volley Rock Signups Begin Today -- MCC TUB

5:30 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213

7:30 PM Student Voice Recitals: JoAnne Johnston, Senior; Jill Darby, Junior -- Orr Auditorium

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

April 24, 2007

GREEK WEEK

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

4:00 PM Softball vs. Thiel (H)

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM PRSSA Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 314

5:30 PM Flag Line Interest Meeting -- Orr Auditorium Lobby

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

6:20 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting -- Patterson 311

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson Hall 112

7:00 PM Heinz Lecture Series Speaker -- Faith Adiele, "Meeting Faith: The Forest Journals of a Black Buddhist Nun" -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 352

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

April 25, 2007

Women's Golf at PAC Championships

Miss Titan Competition

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

GREEK WEEK

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

11:45 AM Faculty Forum -- David Twining, "Unfinished Revolutions: Ohio Colleges and the Crisis of the Late 1960s" -- MCC Mueller Theater

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Globalization and Diversity Seminar -- Dr. Schuyler Foerster, Presenter -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting -- MCC 352

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting -- MCC 352

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

8:00 PM Allies Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 315

8:00 PM BSU Meeting -- MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting -- MCC Club and Lounge

April 26, 2007

GREEK WEEK

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

Men's Golf at PAC Championships

12:40 PM - 1:40 PM Presidential Search Open Meeting for Faculty -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

12:45 PM IFC Meeting -- MCC 255

1:00 PM Baseball at Pitt-Greensburg

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Presidential Search for Administration and Staff -- MCC WItherspoon Maple

4:00 PM Softball vs. Hiram (H)

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting -- Patterson 231

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Presidential Search for Administration and Staff -- MCC Mueller Theater

5:15 PM PRSSA Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 314

5:30 PM International Cultures Club -- Thompson-Clark 210

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Senior Farewell -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

9:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

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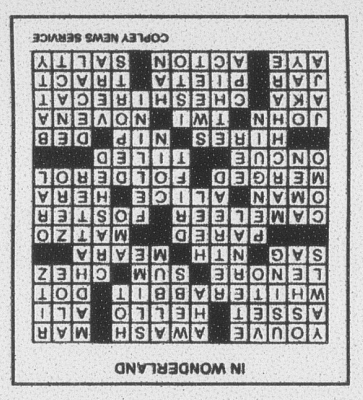

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Great news finally arrives from a favorite sibling or longtime friend. After a moment of reflection and celebration, get back in touch with a timely response.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It pays to listen to the advice of a trusted, experienced fiscal counselor. Take the suggestions under consideration and realize your financial goals.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Make a positive impression on the people that you will meet this week. Step out the door with pride and confidence, dressed to conquer all.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Learn to trust your instincts or intuition. Allow your subconscious to guide or help you in making an important decision.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A great deal of important information is openly shared at a club or group meeting. Be sure to get involved and offer your two cents' worth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You will somehow manage to catch the eye of a very powerful or influential individual. Continue your impressive work and turn this into a rewarding situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): The sky is the limit as you seek answers or explanations to perplexing questions. Plan to travel far and wide in pursuit of truth and understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Smart financial decisions will pay off in the long run. Invest in items or companies that will make your life easier or your job more manageable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be willing to join your partner in a wonderful adventure that is designed to take you away emotionally and physically. Just say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Develop or adopt a plan for completing a major project or assignment. Additional training or expert advice may also be required for success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Many of the children or youthful souls in your life have a lot to learn. Take on the role of teacher and use your creative skills to get your point across.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Make an attempt to keep the peace on the home front, and loved ones will respond positively to your mood. Avoid upsetting feelings or stepping on sensitive toes.

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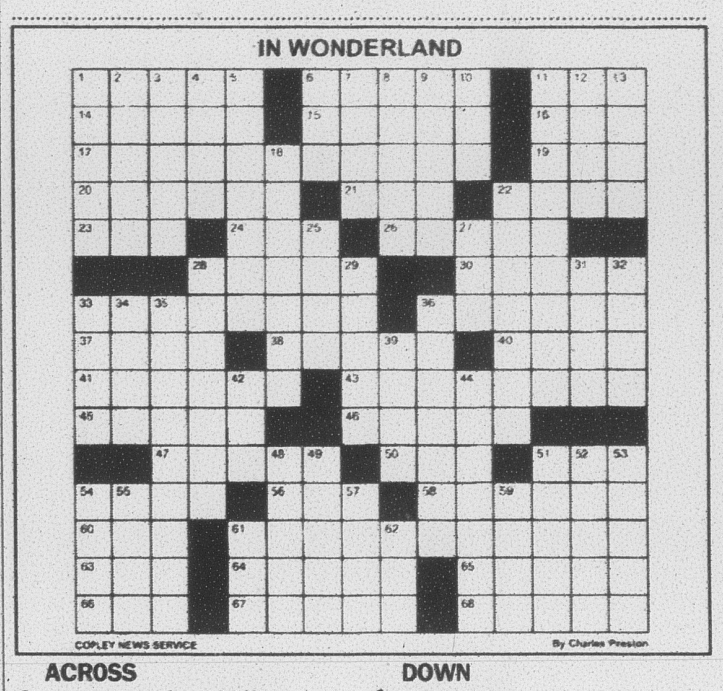

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6 Flooded with water
11 Dent
14 Personal advantage
15 Greeting
16 The Greatest
17 He's always late
19 Staccato symbol
20 Poe heroine
21 Partner of substance
22 ___ moi: my house
23 Slump
24 Maximum degree
26 Actress Anne
28 Peeled the spuds
30 Soup ball
33 Sahara driver
36 "Swanee River" composer
37 Yemen neighbor
38 Adventuresome visitor
40 Mythic matriarch
41 United
43 Foolishness
45 At the right moment
46 Like some floors or roofs
47 Fills a spot
50 Tiny shot
51 New girl on the block?
54 1998 Nobel Peace Prize winner Hume
56 Beginning of light
58 Nine-day devotion
60 Pseudonymous initials
61 He fades with a smile
63 Place for a jam
64 Michelangelo masterpiece
65 Essay
66 Vote for
67 Affect
68 Racy, as humor

DOWN

1 Little ships
2 Actor Milo
3 Taking advantage of
4 Presidential option
5 Not temporary
6 Exclamation of triumph
7 Tangled places
8 Picture book
9 Snail track
10 Boiling
11 Tea party host
12 Bubble bath ingredient, with 59 Down
13 Hotel in a Porter song
18 Fix an old tire
22 Went down, PC style
25 Cad
27 Start of Latin 101 trio
28 Black-and-white swimmer
29 Float
31 Shutout score
32 Word with history or hygiene
33 "Dream Along With Me" singer
34 Agreement word
35 Tea party regular
36 Federico, of filmdom
39 It's of the realm
42 Always, poetically
44 Expels from a country
48 Protestant ___
49 What some nothings are
51 Window sticker
52 Perform a part
53 Crazy
54 Si si, in Stuttgart
55 Endorse
57 That ___ say . . .
59 See 12 Down
61 IRS employee
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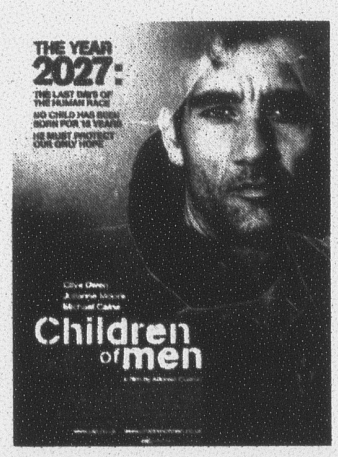

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

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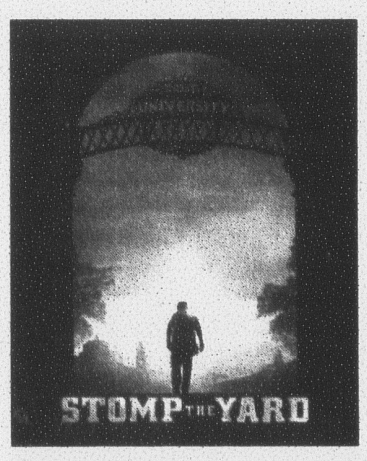

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Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

The Reaping: A thriller with a twist

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

The Reaping contains multiple elements of the horror/thriller genre: the possessed child character; an eerie small hick town that seems to be perfect but is actually hiding a secret; religious beliefs gone mad, and a main character who is haunted by her past.

These elements alone are usually clichéd and cheesy, but they all pull together rather seamlessly in this latest thriller installment.

Hilary Swank plays Katherine Winter; a former minister who renounces her faith after her family is murdered and now focuses on debunking religious myths.

Idris Elba plays the role of Ben, her assistant on her various investigative assignments. The latest occurrence is in an isolated southern town in the thick of the Bible belt. The town is founded on Christian principles and signs are everywhere denouncing Satan and encouraging repentance.

Despite an outward appearance of religious serenity, the town is having a nasty problem with their river water turning red. Actually, it starts with the river turning red and continues with other happenings that curiously parallel the Ten Biblical Plagues that supposedly occurred thousands of years ago.

From blood to locusts to falling frogs, all these unpleasantries are seemingly caused by a young girl, Loren McConnell (AnnaSophia Robb), whose family is outcasts due to their odd and cultish behavior.

While the local people are screaming about the devil working through this girl, Katherine offers a scientific and impressive explanation for the Ten Biblical Plagues, but once lab results confirm that the river is actual human blood, even she begins to doubt her scientific methods and questions the limits of human power.

The film wrestles with Katherine's inner conflict of her responsibility for her husband and daughter's death, and her external conflict with the responsibility she feels to save this young girl who she believes to be a victim of some occult force.

Though she has good intentions, it seems that everyone around except for Ben have ulterior motives for eliminating Loren.

As Katherine and Ben dig deeper into the town's past, deeper than the locals would like, they find disturbing information that draws an inconceivable conclusion.

The plagues are proceeding rapidly after each other, and time grows short for Katherine to save Loren and herself.

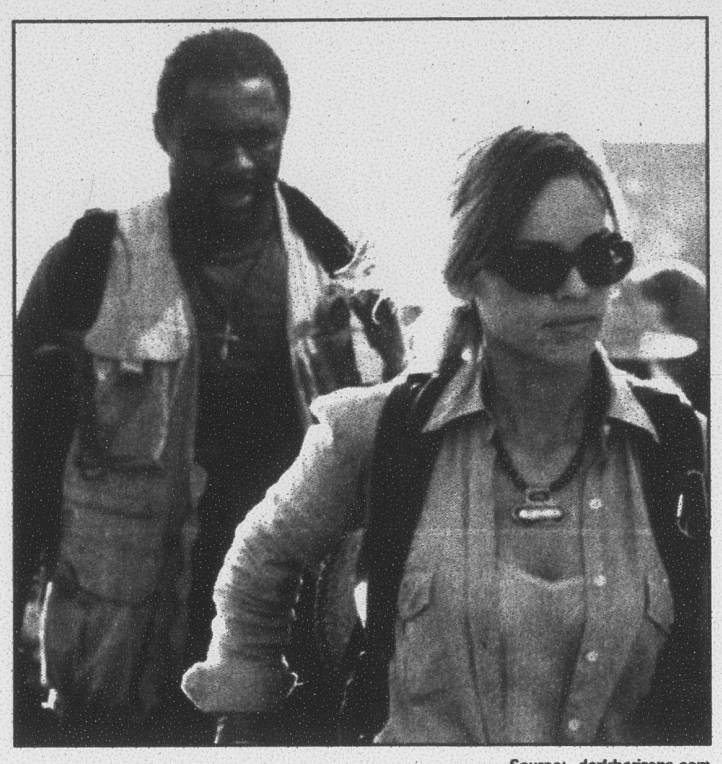
The Reaping does not manipulate fear in the audience through gore and screeching music, but rather uses subtlety to achieve suspense and confusion.

While this may not be a clear-cut horror film, it has dramatic and suspenseful elements which play well off each other.

The cinematography helps to establish the setting and coincides with the general feel of the movie.

The climactic final scene gives an unexpected twist, and though there may be a bit of cheesy element in the effects at the end, The Reaping delivers a decent thrill. Rating: B

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.



Source: darkhorizons.com

Hilary Swank stars as a former minister in *The Reaping*.

Infinity on High incorporates styles, can't live up to *From Under the Cork Tree*'s standard

By Chris Lehberger
Contributing writer

"Welcome, it's here."

Those are the a few of the first words off one of the most anticipated albums to come out in the last five years, Fall Out Boy's *Infinity On High*, spoken by no one but Jay-Z himself.

Source: absolutepunk.net

Fall Out Boy's *Infinity On High* **was released February 6, 2007 by Island Records.**

To be completely honest, before actually sitting down to review this record, I had my biases. I am a huge fan of *From Under The Cork Tree*, and when I heard *Infinity On High* for the first time, I was extremely disappointed. Of course, the first time I listened to it, I never really sat and actually listened to the album. But once I sat down and actually paid attention to what I was hearing, the album came alive.

Infinity On High starts off with one of the most unexpected introductions I have ever heard on a "rock" album -- a cameo by Jay-Z. But the cameo is short-lived. After about ten seconds and a minimal amount of words, the album kicks off.

"Thriller", the first song on *IFH*, is a solid rock song. Out of all the songs on this record, this one reminds me most of *From Under The Cork Tree*. Complete with a heavier breakdown with guitar and drums and an extremely hooky chorus, this is one of my favorite songs on the record.

"This Take Over, The Break's Over" is where the record really starts to get interesting. With a dance-like guitar line and vocals that sound like they were taken off a James Brown record, one can really tell that FOB was drawing upon a very different influence for this record.

The next song and first single off *IFH* is called "This Ain't A Scene." To classify it, this is the typical song off *IFH*.

The song opens with an electronic drum sample behind Stump's classic vocal style. However, when the chorus comes, it hits big, but in a different way. Instead of big, distorted guitars, the chorus hits with big gang vocals and drums. This song also continues the tradition of dance beats on this record. In fact, Stump actually mentions a dance floor in this song.

A couple other high points of the album include my favorite song, "I'm A Lawyer With The Way I Am Always Trying To Get You Off (Me & You)." This song is another retro kickback to Michael Jackson's time. The pirate-influenced "Bang The Doldrums" is also good song complete with "Whoa-Ho-Hos." The last song, titled "I've Got All This Ringing In My Ears and None On My Fingers" reminds me of a song taken from the 1950's and converted into a modern rock song.

All in all, this is a good record, but not a great record. One can tell Fall Out Boy was really trying to take all musical styles in with this album, and they accomplished that. However, although the album is very hooky and is always making me want to dance and sing along, it just isn't as good as *From Under The Cork Tree*.

I feel that this record was made to appease the mass public and record executives at Island, while from *From Under The Cork Tree* was made with more artistic freedom. Although it was a neat idea to get Jay-Z to do a cameo on the record, it was nothing but a publicity stunt to sell records.

Rating: ★★★

Berry, Ribisi fall flat; Willis shines through twists in *Perfect Stranger*

By Max Muska
Contributing writer

If you enjoy a good plot twist like I do, *Perfect Stranger*, starring Halle Berry and Bruce Willis, may be worth your time.

There is not much else to this film than a few huge plot twists, a seemingly thrown-together story and some massively gaping plot holes. Even so, it was quite entertaining to see how the filmmakers made this film come together in the end.

Halle Berry stars as Rowena, a reporter for a prominent newspaper who thrives on writing about criminals who have not yet been caught, though she keeps her personal life hidden. The opening scene shows Ro manipulating a congressman into admitting his affairs with male interns. This craving for revealing others' secrets gets her into trouble.

Ro's friend Grace, played by Nicki Aycox, reveals that she has been having an affair with a prominent businessman named Harrison Hil, played by Bruce Willis. Soon after, Grace is found dead.

Rowena is determined to find proof that Grace was murdered by Harrison Hil. To do this, she gets a job as a temp employee for Hil's ad agency, H2A. Her motivation is to get a story rather than to solve the mystery of her friend's murder. This is the first in a long line of flaws.

Giovanni Ribisi is Ro's coworker, Miles, who teams up with her to do the technological end of her spying. They keep in constant contact while Ro attempts to find enough evidence to convict Hil of murder. Miles, like Ro, seems to have some ulterior motives.

Harrison Hil is a tough man to work for. He does not tolerate any suspicious behavior. He physically throws an employee out of his office for being dishonest. Not only does Hil work rough, he plays rough as well. Ro discovers immediately that Grace's affair with Hil is only one of many he has been involved in. Soon, Hil takes an interest in Ro.

Meanwhile, Ro, posing as a previous employee of H2A, chats with Hil in a singles chat room while they are both at work. While doing this, she also looks up information about the company. This, to me, is a huge plot hole. A huge ad agency with a history of internal spies would monitor the computer usage of its employees.

Hil approaches Ro and they eventually go out on a date to a restaurant. Ro makes a huge mistake by leaving her cell phone at the table when she goes to the restroom. Miles sends her a text message which Hil reads. He now knows that Ro has been spying on him.

The plot begins to complicate from then on. For the sake of those who have not seen the film and plan to do so, I will not reveal any of the twists. Each of the three main characters has certain unseen motivations that make the end result nearly impossible to predict.

Halle Berry, while giving a fairly believable performance, did not seem to be at the top of her game. The same can be said for Giovanni Ribisi. His character was often comical, but Ribisi lacked the ability to display his character's changing emotions. Willis, on the other hand, was perfect for his part. His acting was on a far higher level than his co-stars'.

Save your money and wait to rent this film. While good, it was not great. This film just does not have the originality or appeal to stand out among the other films currently in theaters.

Rating: C

Source: worstpreviews.com

Rowena (Berry) spies on Hil (Willis) in *Perfect Stranger* **to solve a friend's murder.**

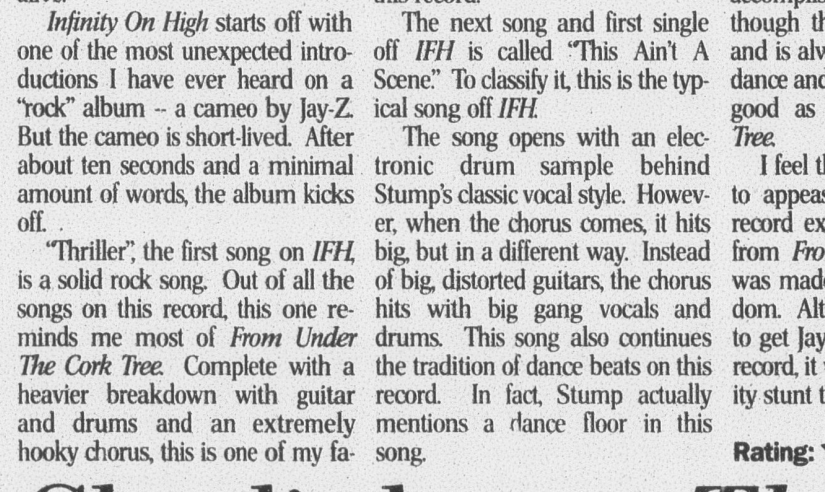
Charlie learns *The Perks of being a Wallflower*

By Danielle McCullough
Contributing writer

"Dear reader,

"Were you nervous to start high school? So was I! I mean I moved to a different state to start high school. I knew no one. But not once did I think to write a letter to someone I didn't know and inform them of my progress."

But that is what Charlie does, he writes letters to a person he does not know, but knowing the reader will listen and understand because a girl said he would.



This coming of age novel is one that allows you to relate to some part of his story, no matter where you went to high school. Charlie is about to start high school. He has no friends because his only friend, Michael, killed himself near the end of their eighth grade year.

He is not quick to make new friends from his own class, however; he meets Samantha and Patrick, two seniors, at a football game. From then on he hangs out with them and their friends anywhere from football games to Big Boy to Sam and Patrick's house.

Charlie is named a Wallflower after Bob, a friend of Patrick and Sam says:

"He's something, isn't he?"

"He's a wallflower"

"You see things. You keep quiet about them. And you understand"

For the first time he really starts to feel he fits in. He finally has friends and feels people don't really mind if he's around.

On the way home from the homecoming dance listening to the song "Landslide" while Patrick drives through the Fort Pitt tunnel, Charlie feels infinite for the first time. Charlie wants so desperately to feel infinite - only at the end to find he does not need anything else to feel infinite, he only needs to be himself.

Charlie has an overall struggle of when to be passive and when to be passionate. He stands still and is kissed by Patrick feeling that it's what Patrick needs, though Charlie doesn't want to. Yet he loves Sam, and the first chance he has to kiss her he doesn't.

"It's great that you can listen and be a shoulder to someone, but what happens when someone doesn't need a shoulder. What if they need the arms or something like that? You can't just sit there and put everyone's lives ahead of yours and think that counts as love. You just can't. You have to do things."

After this rant of Sam's Charlie finally goes up and kisses her, a triumph for him, knowing finally when to express his passion.

Only after this does Charlie realize that they are leaving him. He has a hard time dealing with people he is close to leaving him. His aunt died when he was seven and then he was in the hospital for quite some time.

Right after he says goodbye to Sam, he writes a letter, and then is taken to the hospital. For two months he is in the hospital.

Following his hospitalization he writes a final letter to his "friend" who "didn't sleep with that person at that party even though [he] could have" and wishes him a good life. Charlie has finally moved on, realizing that what he thinks is right should not be put aside for someone else's feelings. He is finally himself.

Chbosky's novel deals with all kinds of adolescent problems and fears. Fitting in, sexuality, drugs and abuse are topics that Charlie and those around him deal with. Chbosky also wrote it in such a way that it is easy to polish it off in an afternoon.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower is Stephen Chbosky's first novel. He also wrote the film adaptation for Rent and is one of the executive producers for CBS's Jericho.

Arts & Entertainment

Theatre Westminster enters Russia

Students to perform two one-act comedies by Russian playwright Anton Chekov

By Elizabeth C. Suders
Staff writer

Theatre Westminster presented its opening night of two One-Act comedies *Love Among the Russians*, Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Beeghly Theatre.

There will be shows April 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., as well as a matinee showing April 22 at 2:30 p.m. The show is relatively short at an hour and fifteen minutes, and is a comedy.

"The show really pulls the audience into the story," sophomore Ian Turner said. "Many times they will be in direct contact with them. It makes fun of love, and will have you laughing all night."

Love Among the Russians is a contemporary adaptation by Marwyn Brebner of Anton Chekovs' *The Bear* and *The Proposal*.

"I came across the show in Canada," director of Theatre Westminster Eileen Hendrickson said. "I contacted Brebners' agent, and we were granted the first amateur rights to the show."

The Bear is a play about when a weepy widow's quiet is broken by an aggressive, loud neighbor who needs to collect on a debt left by her late husband. She refuses to pay him, and sparks fly.

The Proposal is about a middle aged man, plagued by many aches and pains, decides it is time to marry, because, after all, he "can't wait much longer."

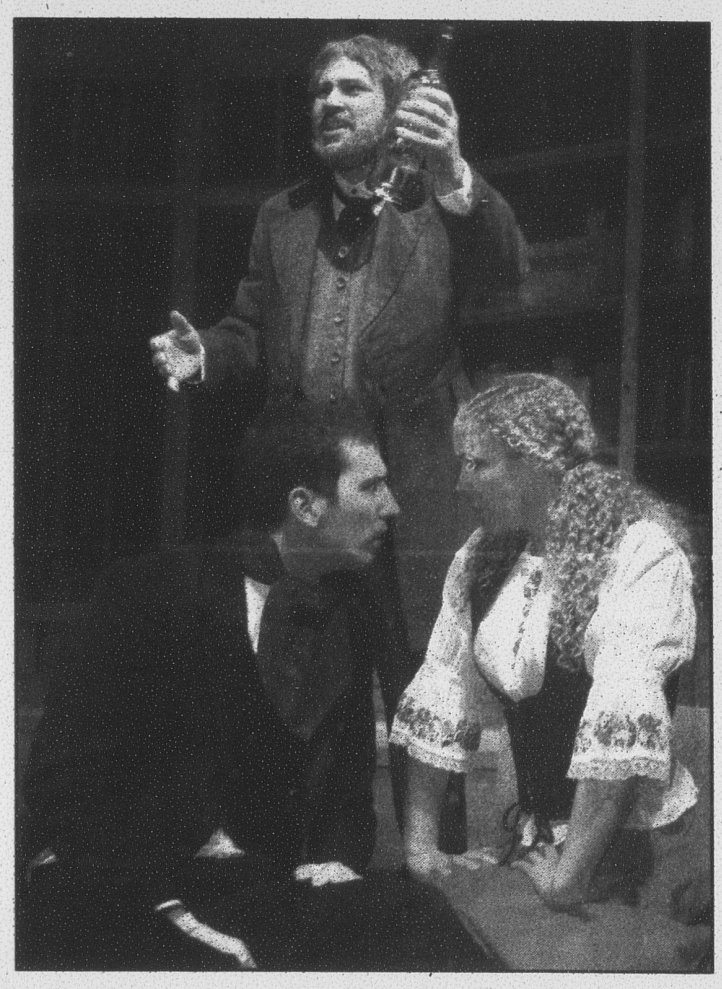
He chooses the youngish, headstrong girl who lives next door. Amid attempts to get her, other obstacles appear which cause many "heart palpitations," and "twitches."

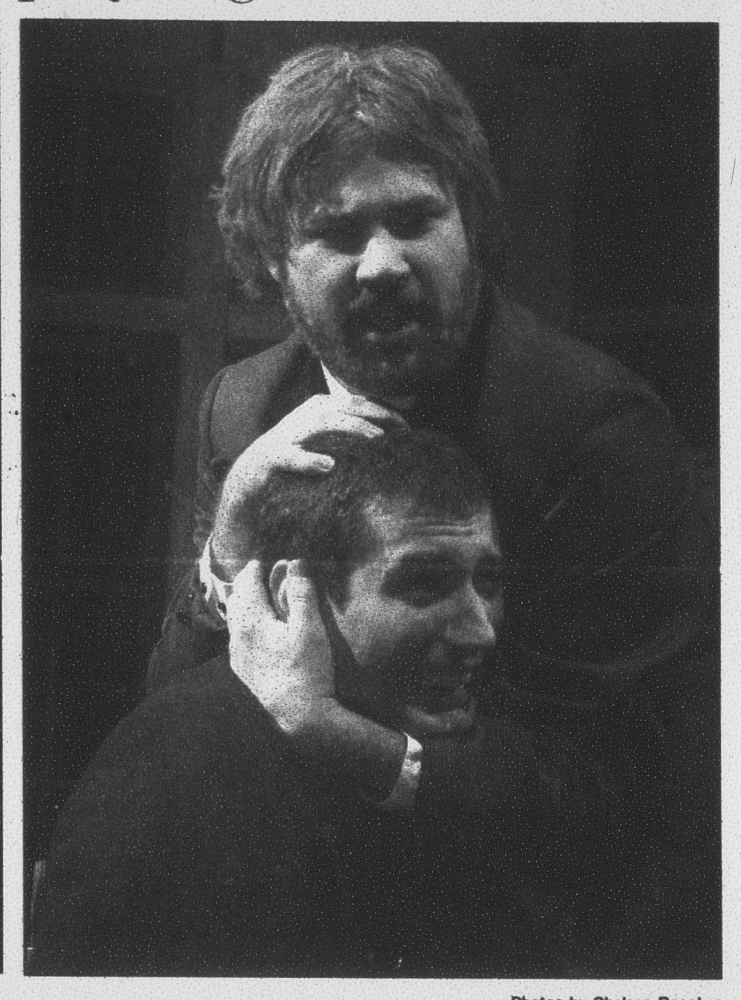
According to Hendrickson, Russian playwright Chekov is most known for his dramatic plays, but wrote many comedies in the beginning of his career.

Famous TV scriptwriter Brebner of Canada wrote the adaptation in a contemporary manner. Brebner also gave the play its name: *Love Among the Russians*.

Love Among the Russians is a rare chance for the audience of Theatre Westminster to get really involved," Senior Adam Rady said. "I'm looking forward to the reactions of everyone who sees it. It's an hour of laughs at the expense of love."

For more information about the show times and tickets, contact the Box Office at ext. 7241 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.





Photos by Chelsea Boecker

Above, left: Adam Rady, PJ Thomas and Melissa Hennen share laughs in *Love Among the Russians*. **Above, right: Thomas and Rady. Below: Ian Turner and Amber Scalfari act out a dramatic scene in the play.**

Int'l Cultures Club crawls Pittsburgh cultural district

By Tiffany Snyder
Campus writer

The International Cultures Club invites students and faculty to participate in the Pittsburgh Gallery Crawl on Friday, April 20.

This event is held in Pittsburgh's downtown cultural district once every quarter. Admission is covered by The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, which is a non-profit organization that promotes the cultural district.

"The Gallery Crawl is a great start to open ourselves to new ideas and views," junior Jelena Gerga said. "Art, music and food have been great shapers of cultural identity and the gallery crawl offers all these things."

The Gallery Crawl takes place in several galleries in many different areas of the cultural district.

This quarter there are 18 exhibits consisting of painting, photography, video, architecture, dancing and more. Live music performances by 12 groups from the Pittsburgh area will entertain guests. Participants may start at any of the galleries and work their way around the showcases.

"The goal of International Cultures Club is to broaden students' views of the world," senior Caitlin Pratt said. "Something as simple as an art exhibit in Pittsburgh can open our eyes to the talent and the cultural diversity in our own backyard."

To attend the Gallery Crawl, e-mail Caitlin Pratt at prattcm@westminster.edu.

Vans will be leaving from the McKelvey Center at 4:30 p.m and return at 11:00 p.m. The group will meet in the upstairs lobby at 4:15 p.m.

Chapel drama presents *Children of Eden*

By Shannon Richter
Campus writer

While the story may be as old as time, Chapel Drama's rendition of *Children of Eden* breathes new life to the classic tale of forgiveness and growth.

On Sunday Apr. 22, Chapel Drama presents the two-act musical, *Children of Eden*, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

The production begins with the lives of Adam and Eve and progresses to the murder of Abel in the first act, and then covers the journey of Noah and his family in the second.

Stephen Schwartz, composer and lyricist of *Children of Eden*, also wrote music for the Broadway hit, *Wicked*.

"It's a story that people know a lot about, but they don't know everything," sophomore cast member Stephanie Witzorreck said. "It tells this whole message, this whole story, in such an awesome way."

Freshman English major Derek Deremer who plays Adam in the production, feels that *Children of Eden* is not only a great musical arrangement, but an excellent story as well.

"It's a story about growing up," Deremer said. "Both acts reflect each other where there's curiosity and a need for forgiveness and redemption."

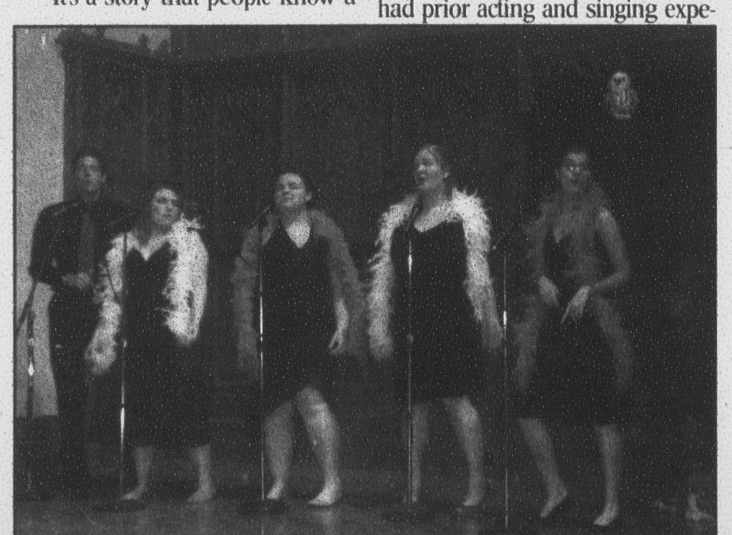
Director Julia Broskey, a senior English and French major, stressed the dedication and flexibility of the cast.

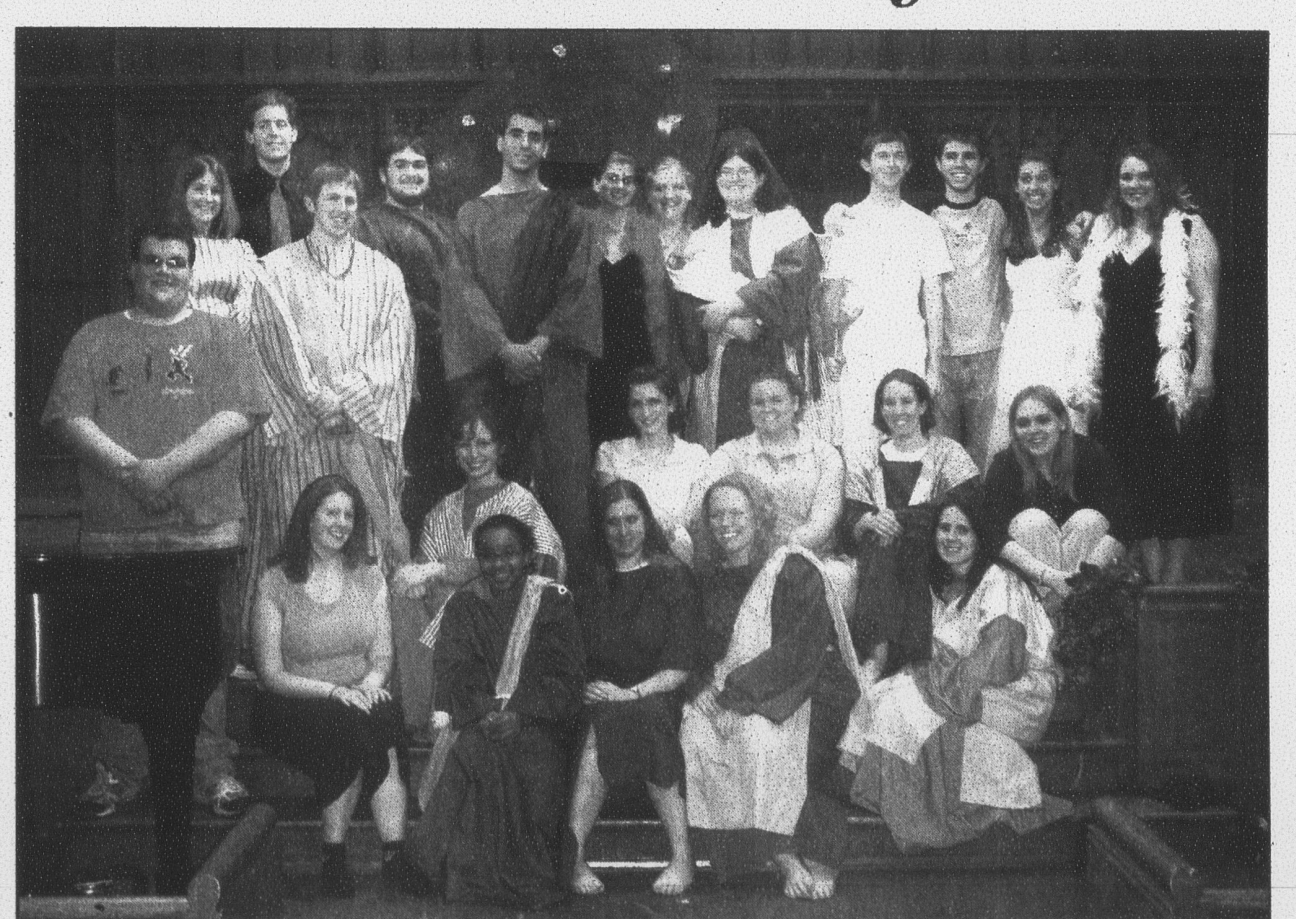
For most of this year's cast members, this is their first Chapel Drama, and only half of them have had prior acting and singing experience.

"I am so impressed by the cast, because they have dedicated so much time outside of practice, and this show is going to showcase their amazing musical and theatrical talents," Broskey said.

Alyssa Schomaker, a senior music major, plays the role of Eve and is excited about her final Chapel Drama.

"The music and the people make it worth coming," Schomaker said. "It's really going to come together."





Photos by Amanda Miller

Above, the cast of chapel drama's *Children of Eden*. **Left, members of the cast perform a musical number.**

As a musical production, *Children of Eden* has demanded many hours of practice not only from the cast, but from the directors, musical directors and choreographer as well.

Courtney Collins, a musical director along with Craig Dressler and Rachel Hammond, felt that the cast had stepped up to the challenge of learning a large amount of music, especially when many of them had never sung before.

Catherine Bishop, a sophomore elementary education major, experienced a similar respect for the cast in her capacity as choreographer.

"I have been very impressed with the cast's attitude towards dancing, because a lot of them never had dancing experience," Bishop said. "I think it's really going to come together."

The cast not only practiced weekly and worked on their music outside of practice, but was also responsible for designing and building the set.

Deremer expressed that having students produce the play and make the sets gave the cast an added sense of accomplishment and involvement.

Joel Montgomery, a junior English major, enjoyed the experience in his first lead role as Noah.

"I'm pretty excited," Montgomery said. "I get to sing a duet with God."

Tony Gomez, a sophomore Spanish major and assistant director of *Children of Eden* encourages students to discover the quality shows that Chapel Drama performs.

"Come out to the show," Gomez said. "See your friends and support your fellow Westminster students."

Features

Student Employees of the Week

The Career Center recognizes outstanding campus workers

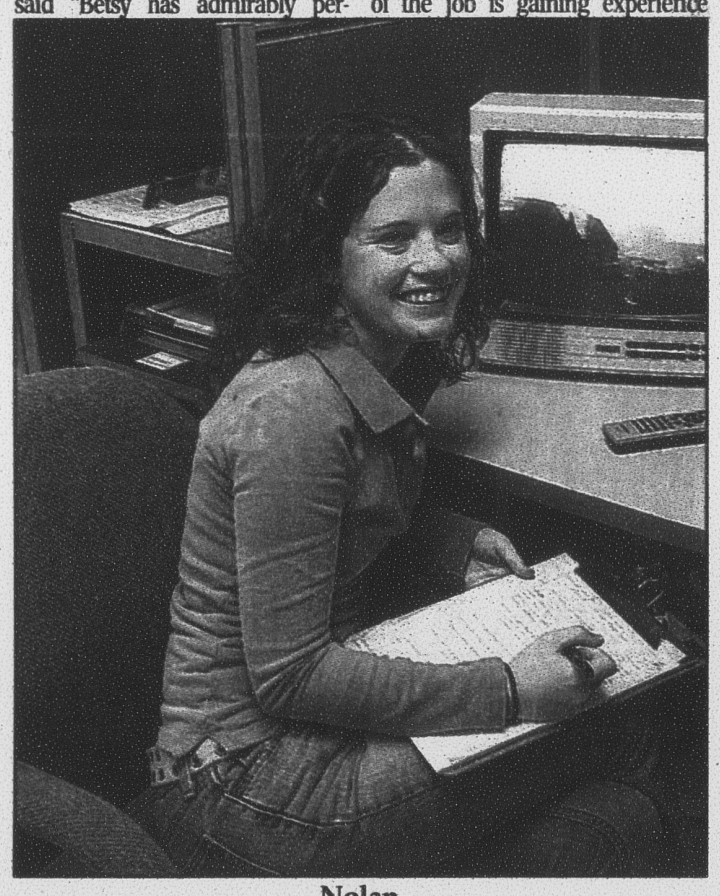
Two Westminster students have been awarded "Student Employee of the Week," Betsy Nolan for the week of April 8 – 14, and Julie Tvaruzek for the week of April 15 – 21.

Betsy Nolan, a senior Business Administration major from Perrysburg, Oh., has served as Media Library Manager in Audio Visual Services for the last 3 years, taking full responsibility for the 5000+ electronic media resources for the college.

Her supervisor, Gary Swanson, said "Betsy has admirably performed in a role for our department that involves having to learn all the complexities of copyright and right to privacy laws, as well as interacting daily with the campus at large and mastering all of the intricacies of media formatics and cataloging.

"On top of all this, she took on the added position of Operations Manager in our department during her senior year, and has been indispensable in her managerial help."

Betsy says that her favorite part of the job is gaining experience and the many opportunities to learn. She has also completed a purchasing internship with First Energy in Shippingport, Pa.



Nolan

Julie Tvaruzek is in her second year working for English/PR.

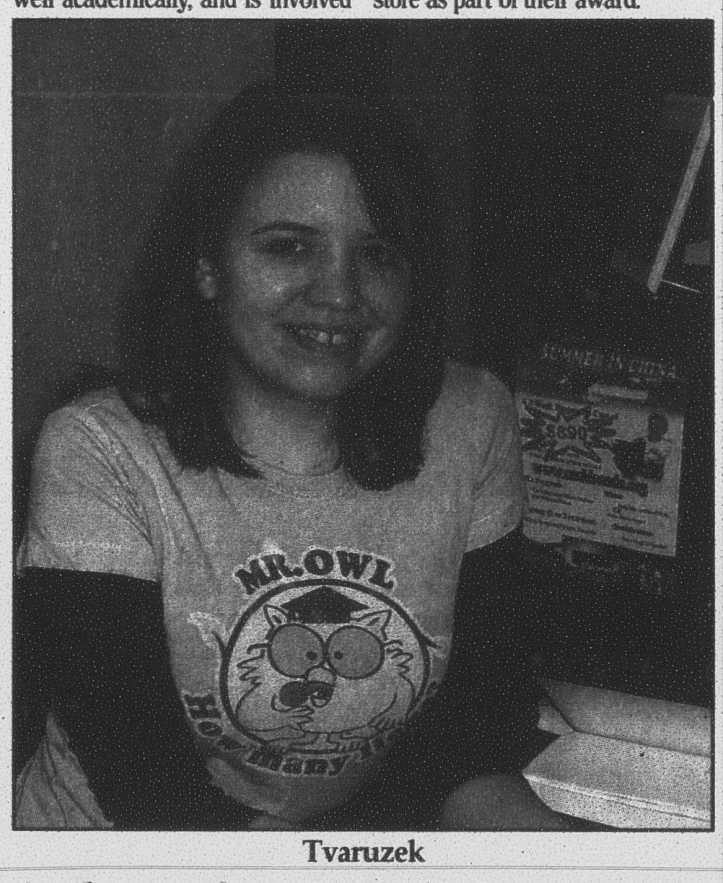
Her supervisor, Carol Morrow, said "Julie is incredibly talented, creating all our Bleasby and poetry readings posters, and is currently working on our writing minor brochure. She rarely misses work.

"She never has to be directed to do all the little extra things that need to be done around the department. She is delightfully energetic and enthusiastic. She does well academically, and is involved in campus activities."

Julie likes working for the department, especially getting to know the professors outside of the classroom. Her home is Shaler, north of Pittsburgh, and she chose Westminster because of its atmosphere when she first visited the campus.

As a junior double major, English and Spanish, Julie plans to study abroad in Spain this fall. She will be missed in English/PR, but plans to return to work for her final semester.

Both students will receive a $25.00 gift certificate to the bookstore as part of their award.



Tvaruzek

Modest proposals during war

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"Look here, upon this picture, and on this, the counterfeit presentment of two brothers. See, what a grace was seated on this brow…Look you now what follows." (Hamlet, 3.4.53-63)

The following two articles ran in *The Holcad*. The first article was printed on the Friday, April 22, 1966; the second article was printed a week later, Friday April 29, 1966.

These articles appear as a farce, or counterfeit. The article appears a Swift, Modest Proposal for the College.

"A GOOD HOLOCAUST NEVER HURT ANYONE"

"By Esther Colero"

"In the past few weeks many unshaven, unwashed students calling themselves 'intellectually concerned people' have been running about, pledging themselves to ridiculous nonsense like 'end the war in Vietnam' and all that. How absurd! Perhaps it is appropriate that someone (like myself) take the time to show these outcasts of society why war is necessary to maintain civilization. Here in are the beneficial aspects (to mankind, mostly) of war:"

"1. Obviously, war keeps the population down. If we didn't have a good war now and then we'd be up to our necks in Japanese, Germans, Jews and the like. It is only reasonable to have war for it gives future generations more room to roam, more chance to be individuals, also realize that for every enemy killed all the more food for you.

"2. War stimulates the economy and is generally good for business. FDR could have never led us out of the great depression, new deal or no new deal, without WWII. And where would the makers of submarines, hand grenades, landmines and atom bombs be without war?

"3. War gives the generals something to do instead of sitting around base, playing whist and smoking cigars paid for by your tax dollars. Actually war puts everyone to work: men as soldiers, women as factory workers, children as stackers of wheat, also the U.S.O. The Red Cross, the Blue Cross, and the Rugged Cross.

"4. War brings out the best in people. Nationalism, patriotism, most desirable of all emotions are never at greater heights than in war time. It is absolutely breathtaking to see row upon row of uniformed men parading and followed by children by children throwing rose petals and palm branches in their path, and all singing the songs of the people. The Star Spangled Banner, when the Cassions Go Rolling Along, and Honey Babe. Simply marvelous.

"5. Without the war the Peaceniks as they so cleverly call themselves, wouldn't have anything to picket against. And without the Peaceniks the True-Blue Americans, the concerned Patriots wouldn't have anyone to curse or throw rocks at.

"6. War makes great men greater. The Sergeant Yorks, the Abe Lincolns, the Dwight Eisenhower, the General Herseys, the General Grants, the Sitting Bulls. If there had been no wars, these men undoubtedly would have remained simple cobblers or wisk-broom salesman (or in grants case, a drunk). But no glorious day war came and made them what they where meant to be, mighty warriors. Today, how many potential warriors are losing their chance to be great because we aren't in an all-out?

"7. Without war, Bob Hope and Martha Raye would have no one to visit.

"8. One must consider the song writers. Composing under the influence of the rockets red glare such immortal tunes as: Over There, Ballad of the Green Berets, and you're my Hiroshima Baby (you're My Nagasaki Queen). And what about the movie stars? Where would John Wayne, Cary Grant, or Greg Peck be without a war to star in?

"9. War brings the people into the churches. Something that peace can't quite achieve. They go in droves to praise the lord and ask for his help that they might beat the hell out of the enemy.

"10. After war nations are drawn closer together than ever before. One feels a overwhelming sense of fraternity with the conquered. Because those people that we've overrun belong to us now. Then too witness the marvelous work done by the organizations that spring out of wars, The KKK, the League of Nations, the NAACP, and the United Nations. Consider all these things, Peaceniks, Vietniks and traitors. People like you aren't wanted in our country. If you can't see the wisdom behind my arguments for war, (and I speak for many on this issue) and refuse to come over to the right I.E. the majority then why don't you all get out? Yes you commies if you don't like it, why don't you get out?

The following week, Friday April 29, 1966, *The Holcad* **ran this article:**

"VICTIM OF FRAUD"

"By Esther Colero"

"Last week readers of *The Holcad* were the victims of a fraud terrifying in its proportions to me anyway. Some warmonger using my name wrote an article glorifying war. Of course I never wrote the column. To clear myself may I (pacifist that I am) offer the more distinct advantages of peace (living in the atomic age as we do I hope that the dear reader will realize what a difficult subject peace is to write about. We've had little contact with the thing which goes to prove that the despots have been in power to long. Pacifists arise!)

"1. For a people like the Americans who so desperately want to be different (as long as no one notices) peace could be considered as a unique form of non-conformity. In the entire history of man only 18 or so generations have lived and died in peace. Peace obviously then is unnatural extraordinary. Instead of growing a beard learning all the jet set dances and going to all the right places, why not try peace?

"2. Peace would constitute a definite tax savings; at least your money wouldn't be spent on rockets planes and machine guns. It would be put to good use, like building dams in Death Valley or erecting ample living quarters (a small place or two) for senators, representatives, mailmen, mayors of cities with populations of 1000 or over etc. etc.

"3. Peace brings out the best in people. Everyone is more receptive to the good things in life like sex, booze and the racetrack. Just look at the good time the U.S. had during the roaring twenties at least until 1929.

"4. Peace makes great men greater. Consider our peacetime presidents: Grant one of the greatest drunks of all time and as president, look at all the money he made; Taft while he was president golf became a national sport. Isn't that nice? Harding well his friends made lots of money before he died.

"5. Peace means that our boys are back home (how come it's never men but always boys fighting? Maybe that's why we have such a hard time winning; let's send some men over) at home the boys can concentrate on more important sports than war like making a quick buck or fighting the population explosion on the home front.

"6. With peace there's no need to load your mind with such trivia as the name of the country we're fighting or Hanoi or Haiphong or Saigon or General Ky. Instead we can concentrate on important stuff like: who's Bruce Wayne? Who was the green hornet's faithful sidekick? What's the life cycle of the wheat rust? And what's the German word for pizza?

"7. Without war the unwashed have nothing to crusade against; hence they are forced back to the crowded classrooms. Come to think of it what with the smell and all. Perhaps that's a benefit of war. At least in wartime the Vietniks are out on the clean air marching, but then again those rotten eggs the patriots don't help the smell any. Can't win with the Vietniks I guess.

"8. Most important peace alleviates the mental strain of the women. We can't have our women worrying, worrying about whether or not daddy is ever going to eat supper with the family again. Or if junior will ever burn rubber once more in the family sedan. Really thought how inconsiderate of you men to have war. Such a bother and we all know who has to clean up after.

"I hope that this list helps those who were brainwashed by the Anonymous fiend to come to their senses. Remember we can't go around having wars just whenever we feel like it, Can we? What would God or President Johnson say if he knew you were saying bad things about other people?"

Is it just me? Does money matter more than integrity? Part Two

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Last week I wrote an article discussing an issue that seemed to be plastered over all of our television sets - Don Imus' comments about the woman on the Rutgers women's basketball team. I felt that this whole situation was being dictated by money and how much Imus' show actually makes for the stations that syndicated him.

Ironically, the day after I wrote and submitted my article, CBS had a "change of heart" and decided to fire Imus instead of the original two week suspension he previously faced. It seems rather interesting to me, though, that CBS didn't feel it was necessary to let Imus go until the major sponsors backed out. Hmm…anything sounding a little $green$ to anyone?

There were many issues stemmung from his comments, one of which was the fact that Imus shouldn't be fired because it's hip hop's fault that those terms are acceptable.

There were questions raised asking - if they are going to fire Imus, then what are they going to do with the many artists that get airtime on the radio with the language that they use?

This is part 2 of a discussion that is long overdue.

Has hip hop gone too far?

First of all, to know where it is going, we must first know where it began. Hip hop in its infancy was a form of expression that was made to uplift people, African American people in particular.

It began in the 1970s in New York in areas where people were suffering and needed an expression all their own. They were out to cause problems; they were out to build something that they could call their own.

The "elders" in the hip hop game wrote songs about culture, they wrote about political power and how their people needed to band together to create a better nation. Throughout the years, hip hop has changed, just like everything else.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not really a big rap fan at the moment. I'm not really into songs that tell me to drop down and "shake my thing," but strangely enough those are the songs that are getting air time. The music has changed because that people have clearly changed.

These artists wouldn't be making the money they are making if people weren't buying the music. It seems as if the cruder lyrics are, the more people want to hear them. The strangest thing about the whole situation is that the people who are keeping these artists in business are those in suburban America. There is a very big double standard going here. So, if there are that many people engaging in a certain type of music how does it influence them?

Growing up in the city I did, I see poverty at extremes. I come in contact with the faces of hopelessness on a regular basis,and somehow the people behind those faces feel like they can relate in many ways to the people rapping and dancing in these songs.

All that some people in these situations see is "somebody who is like me" who grew up having nothing and now they're rich. They don't have to struggle anymore.

For those who feel that way, that lifestyle is real, and most of them would do whatever it would take to get out of the situations that they unfortunately have to face on a daily basis. If you've had nothing all of your life, even the dirtiest dollar looks good.

What many of them don't understand is that most of it is just an illusion; it simply looks good. But in my experience, when young boys and girls see those images, they want to become those images.

If it means calling a girl the B word or a Ho and writing lyrics that is going to make their story sound harder than the next guy's in order to make it "out," many will do it.

For the girls, if it means being the subject of the word Ho, shaking their behinds in a video, or taking their clothes off so that they can eat that day, they will.

For many others who really know nothing about hard living, hearing those lyrics and connecting themselves with that lifestyle for however long that song lasts fulfills some sort of fantasy, about "hood living."

I think it is safe to say that hip hop is dominated by African American males. There is a lot of current mainstream rap that has extremely degrading lyrics. I can't say the number of songs that I hear that use the "N" word freely, and the way the woman are portrayed in the songs and videos is appalling.

I wish that I had answers to all of the questions that have been raised in my mind. I wish I didn't totally understand both sides of the story so that my "opinion" column wouldn't be so broad.

On one hand, I hate the fact that music dominated by African American people can prostitute its own for a quick dollar, on the other hand I do.

At the same time, I don't understand why people of all walks of life continue to support the music in private, and in public act like they are just completely disgusted by the language and behavior of the artists, then they go home and buy their kids front row ticket to see "Fiddy Cent" (50 cents).

As a woman, I have many emotions relating to the music and the videos, but I have to blame "us" (meaning women) for that. A man cannot degrade us unless we give them the power to do so.

There are so many things that have gone wrong; it seems like there is a generational gap happening somewhere, and we have somehow dropped the ball, but across the board.

Some parents failed to tell their little girls that they were beautiful and priceless; otherwise they wouldn't have false hopes of feeling it from some man. Somewhere fathers stopped teaching their boys how to be men, or else they would feel that they had to prove it all of the time, but that too is across the board.

I said all of that to clarify: let's not make this a black and white issue. This is a human race issue.

I have been on this campus and heard heavy metal rock songs that talk about some of the most disgusting things. I have heard the use of the "N" word in some heavy metal music.

I hear songs that talk about killing oneself, songs that are dark and depressing, songs that degrade woman even in country music, so why isn't that an issue?

I talked about rap because that was the genre of music that was brought into focus following the Don Imus situation, but this problem stems far beyond one genre of music. I discussed hip hop because it is something that I've grown up with, not to defend it, but to make a point.

I feel that as a country we hate taking the blame for our own problems. We'd rather put it off on someone else. We'd rather say that it was hip hop's fault that Don Imus' said what he said, but in reality it was his fault.

I think that as a whole we need to reevaluate us. When that starts to happen then I think we will be able to fix the problems of racism and sexism in ALL types of music, not just hip hop.

Hey, it could happen, or it could just be me.

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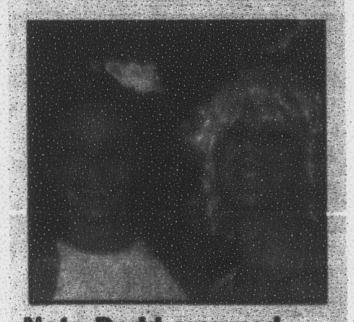

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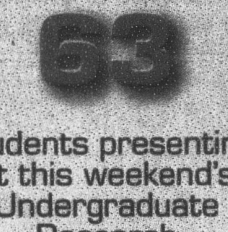

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Alpha Phi Omega reconstructing Orb

By Amanda Conway
Campus writer

Alpha Phi Omega, the community service fraternity, has been working to restore the Orb, a massive sculpture on the ground between McKelvey and Patterson.

"[Restoring] the Orb was the original brain child of Kristen Sargent and I, but didn't make it to the brotherhood for an official vote until this year," Alpha Phi Omega brother Jennifer Britton, senior, said. "We just wanted to see it restored before we graduated."

The Orb has a long history with the college. It was designed by Philip Herman, now a freelance artist in New York.

Originally, the Orb was a free form ball and rolled all over campus. It even found its way to the bottom of Lake Brittan several times.

The Orb was then bolted to the ground in the location that it is today.

Although students are used to seeing the Orb being rusted, it used to be blue and green as a tribute to Earth Day.

"We are reconstructing it because it is very rusty. It is something that has been a part of our college's history, and we would like it to continue to be," Alpha Phi Omega president and junior Michelle Johnston said.

The brotherhood began working on the Orb on Saturday, April 21. They spent about 12 hours de-rusting the structure with a compound recommended to them by the chemistry department. They then applied a coat of primer.

"We came into this project with practically no budget," Alpha Phi Omega brother and junior Bethany South said. "We needed to either fundraise or have everything donated. The art department actually donated about $200."

Alpha Phi Omega plans to have the project complete by this weekend depending on weather.

"White will be painted on the outside pentagons of the Orb, and blue will be on the spokes inside of them," brother and senior Alex Hines said.

Despite the beautiful weather on Saturday, the group had a hard time getting the rust off.

"We worked really hard, scrubbing and climbing all over," South said.

The brothers enjoy working to improve the campus and have a fun time when they are together.

"Any experience I have had with Alpha Phi Omega has been fun, but it was really exciting to see our brotherhood come together to restore something that the entire campus and visitors of the campus can enjoy," Johnston said.

"Even the scrubbing part was fun. Seeing six plus A Phi O brothers hanging off the Orb in various places was great," Hines agreed.

Alpha Phi Omega is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. It is committed to community service projects on campus and in the local community.

Photo by Katie Chandley

The Orb was constructed decades ago, but is now being restored by Alpha Phi Omega.

Students share Va. Tech stories

WC students tell of friends' experiences during massacre

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Although restrictive caution tape, sobbing students, and blood-stained floors remain an every day presence at the Virginia Tech campus, the devastating effects of the tragedy were felt at colleges nationwide, even here.

Several local students perhaps felt their heart drop a little lower than everyone else when they learned of the devastating shooting rampage in Blacksburg, Virginia, not because they felt more sorrow for the victims, but because their friends, neighbors, and former schoolmates were there at the time and could, potentially, have been among those victims.

Freshman biology major Rebecca Ligman knew several students from her high school and church who now attend Virginia Tech. One friend and church mate, Kevin Tyler Stern, is an electrical engineering major who made national headlines when he was shot in the leg twice, tied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, and, ultimately saved his own life. Ligman has been keeping tabs on Sterne through her best friend Katie, who was closer to him, and says he is currently recovering.

"Kevin is fine now and he actually has been walking," Ligman said. He will have several months of intense physical therapy but he plans on going back for his graduation."

Ligman also knew several people who live in Ambler Johnson Hall, the location of the initial shooting. None of her friends here hurt, but in the short time that she was unsure of her friend's well-being, Ligman was frantic to get information.

"I wasn't sure how to get a hold of my friends because I don't have their phone numbers," Ligman said. "I thought about calling one of the boy's little sisters but realized she would be in school so then I called my mom, who called my aunt, who eventually had her son call them to see if they were okay; thank goodness they were."

Family was on the mind of senior Spanish major Courtney Thompson. When she heard the tragic news, she immediately thought of her cousin, who is a graduate engineering major at Virginia Tech. Although Thompson's cousin was in the school's library at

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Convocation to honor students for academics

By Janie Ingersoll
Campus writer

Academic Affairs will host the annual Spring Honors Convocation Sat., April 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Orr Auditorium.

Honors Convocation is an event that recognizes the academic achievements of students, student athletes and Greeks. It is a chance for the campus community to support those people for their excellence.

Recipients were alerted that they would be receiving an award that could range from the Dean's List to individual accomplishments, but no one will know their exact award until the ceremony.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate the academic achievements of students on campus," Academic Affairs' Executive Secretary Gabriella Budai said. "I encourage people to show their support by attending."

According to a campus news release, President Williamson will lead the ceremony with the opening remarks, and Dr. Jesse Mann, vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the college, will recognize the Dean's List Scholars, recipients of scholarships, prizes, awards and students who have completed the College Honors Program.

Each department chair will have the opportunity to announce the recipients of their own departmental awards, and recognition will be given to members of Lambda Sigma, Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa. Pi Sigma Pi and those who successfully completed the Honors Program will receive their awards on stage.

About 600 students and their families were invited, as well as all faculty and administration. The convocation platform will consist of the college Chaplain Rev. James Mohr, Mann, Williamson and all department chairs.

"No award is more prestigious than any others," Cheryl Gerber, director of financial aid said. "All students are deserving of their awards because they have met the specific criteria for that award."

Some awards include financial aid that ranges between $150 and $7,000. According to Gerber, the top three monetary awards include the Robert E. and Jane Lauterbach award, the Glenn B. Reed award and the McQuiston College Service Awards, which are given to a rising senior for unselfish service to the campus community during their college careers.

Awards are given for financial need, academic standing and campus involvement. Students can either apply, meet requirements or be nominated for an award.

Junior Callie Croushore applied for and will be receiving one of Student Affairs' awards, which required that she be in junior standing, hold a specific GPA and write an essay explaining how she has been of some benefit to the campus community.

"I've tried to be very involved on campus since I set foot on it my freshman year," Croushore said. "I've tried to do everything that I could to leave the campus a better place then when I found it, and I think this scholarship seeks to recognize those students who have sought to be involved on this campus in any way."

The service will conclude with light refreshments provided by Sodexho. All members of Pi Sigma Pi and the Honors Program are invited to attend a private luncheon after the ceremony.

Kenya Children Project founder to speak

By Max Muska
Contributing writer

At the very young age of 24, Adam Gould has made a greater impact on the world than many people manage to make in a lifetime.

Gould is speaking at the 20th Annual Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture this Sunday at 7:00 P.M. in Wallace Memorial Chapel. He is the youngest person to date invited to deliver this lecture.

Gould graduated from Grove City High School in 2001. He then attended Eastern University to study Youth Ministry and European History, graduating in 2005. He is also planning to obtain a masters degree in International Development. Gould went to Kenya for a one-year internship at a chapel in Nairobi.

"After being there for roughly four months," Gould said, "I felt God pulling me in a different direction, particularly towards education for young children in the slum."

With this in mind, Gould partnered with Life in Abundance International, a small non-governmental organization in Kenya.

Gould wrote a proposal for a holistic education project in one of the Nairobi Slums.

"It was approved by the director/founder and then we began putting the necessary structures in place to get the project going," he said. "I am now fundraising for the project here in the states."

Gould's project, the Kenya Children Project, is designed to provide essential education to the children of the Jangwani area of Mathare. The adults in the community will also be given skills training. The project aims to make the community prosperous enough that it can become self-sufficient.

Gould's speech is titled "Finding Hope in Brokenness."

I will speak of the importance of being broken by God," Gould said. "That it is indeed a struggle, but when we are broken, it is then that God fills us with hope. Those are the times that He can use us."

He will tie this message in with his experience in Kenya and of the resourceful and capable Kenyan people.

"I hope to relay a message of all of us being part of Christ's global community," Gould said.

Ronnee Christy, Christian Education Director of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and daughter of Wayne Christy feels that Adam is exactly the kind of person her father would have wanted to speak during this lecture. She said that her father was often heard saying "help me to understand." She believes that Adam will do just that.

Wayne H. Christy taught at Westminster for 42 years and was Chair of the Religion Department.

"He was a quiet man," Ronnee said. "So when he did speak, you listened because you knew he had something worthwhile to say."

He was known for being involved on campus, being a very personable professor and for promoting justice issues. The memorial lecture commemorates the impact Christy had on the campus community and aims to further his efforts toward justice.

The College Hand Bell Choir will provide music for the event and the Shenango Presbytery, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Chapel Office will host a reception outside the chapel directly following the service.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Listen, Strep, you're going down!!!

Check out the foreign language capstones!

The secretary doesn't take minutes?

Parlo un po italiano.

You're blushing! Nope, that's a rash.

The impossible is easy.

Rain = No chalkings

My shoe size is 6...just in case.

Wife soup?

I QUIT! YOU WIN, GRANDMA!!!

I sign; he talks with his hands.

The white orb sucks.

173 missed calls?!

"Stomp 'n Shout?"

I'll get it. I'll get my rope.

There's a rope right here.

Corn is no place for a mighty warrior.

Everyone's...'busy'....this week.

John Jacob Jingleheimer-schmidt.

Yep, his name is my name too.

Hmm...my socks don't match.

Demand to speak to the manager in Italian!

Did you make the Dean's List? I didn't.

I thought I didn't make you puke anymore.

That's cute. They think they're graduating.

The Plague! In 37 different forms!

[illegible] LOST puppies.

[illegible] some junk.

I made you some delicious treats!

Seriously? You're STILL tifting?

OH NO! I almost forgot the FOPWOP!!

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You fool, no one knows what that means!

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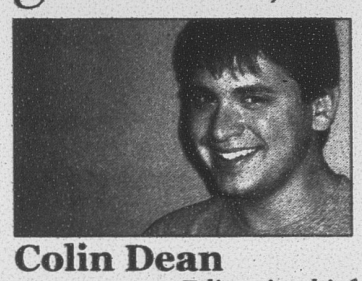
"These things occur;" we must handle them appropriately



Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

I was driving home from Erie this weekend when, suddenly, my low-gas indicator turned on. I looked at the tank gauge, and saw the needle on top of the last bar before the big "E," signifying the lack of gas in said tank.

I had about 50 miles to go; I was just north of the Meadville/Conneaut Lake exit of I-79. I had a distracting thought, and quickly realized I had passed the exit. I figured my tank to have about 15 miles worth of gas remaining, so I had to get off at the next exit.

The next exit came and went–no gas station. Likewise, the following exit had no gas station.

By this time, I felt a strange feeling rising within my conscience. I'm 40 miles from home and about to run out of gas. I'm an AAA member, so I could make a call and wait an hour or two for a truck to arrive, but I did not want to risk damaging the fuel-injection engine of my little four-cylinder by starving it. I knew I was in it deep, but I wasn't worried. I was in a situation, but I couldn't summon a gas station from the ether. I had to keep moving and hope there was one at the next exit.

The next exit had a high-flying sign advertising gas, but it didn't have any prices. I took my chances, and exited the interstate. I drove up to the sign, but the business was closed. Crap.

However, there was a very small sign a few yards down the road that said "Food, Gas, Restrooms–3 miles." It was my only hope. The gas needle was on the "E," so my car was running on fumes.

By the time I got to the gas station, I was pretty much empty. I pulled up, refueled and returned to the interstate with a full tank of gas. I moved on.

The reason I tell this tale is to make a point: when you're in a bad situation, you can't think about the development of situation itself: you have to concentrate on the outcome and how you're going to handle the situation.

I was in Erie to see the comedian Lewis Black at Penn State Behrend (a hilarious show, by the way). However, at the close of his show, it was what he said regarding the Virginia Tech massacre that really got me.

"These things occur," Black said. His point was that no matter what happens, it's your handling of the aftermath that the people closest to the incident will remember.

Twenty years from now, we Westminster students probably won't remember how Va. Tech's administration handled the massacre. We'll simply remember that a bunch of students and professors died at the hands of a disturbed student gunman in the worst school shooting in American history, at least up to 2007.

However, the students there will remember it. They'll remember the chaos, they'll remember the faces of the students who died, they'll remember statements from the administration and they'll remember the articles and pictures of the student newspaper, along with the outside media.

There's nothing the Va. Tech administration could have done to stop Seung-Hui Cho. Cho was a man on a mission. There's nothing that can be done to stop someone with the kind of resolve, planning and preparedness that he apparently had.

The important thing to note is how Va. Tech's administration handled the aftermath of the massacre. It's not my place to judge its action, but it is certainly within the rights of the Va. Tech community to do so.

What can the Westminster community learn from this? No matter what happens, no matter how many preventative measures, no matter how much training–we're not going to be ready for something like this, God forbid it should happen here. No school is. No company is. Not even the government is.

All we can do is do our best to address the situation and handle it professionally and compassionately, and work together as a community to support each other in a time of need. We cannot point fingers until we know all the facts, and even then we must each take responsibility for our actions and words.

Colin is a senior computer science major with a penchant for journalism. He regularly *almost* runs out of gas, and even more regularly leaves on his lights. He bought a jumper battery, but has killed at least once in a single day.

Maturity part of escaping from freshman status

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of mind

A quick follow-up on last week's column: I picked up Friday's USA Today, the paper that gave me the column idea, and found an interesting front-page article.

On the NFL Draft.

Good to see that so many people's priorities are in order.

On the same note: it is the end of another year here at Westminster.

Many of you will be graduating. Congratulations.

Many of you will be wondering how to survive next year's classes, or how to get through the summer. This week's column is not for you.

This week, I would like to do a piece for the freshmen. Not to be confused with the first-year students, mind you. The latter implies hard work, dedication, and a bit of maturity.

Much like my strange notions on hippies, a person does not necessarily have to be in their first year of college to be a freshman. All you have to do is place your priorities on being childish and hedonistic.

Take, for example, the screamers. Why must you yell for no apparent reason over absolutely nothing? Why must this happen at 4 a.m.? Why does this happen in the TUB on occasion? What is so incredibly disturbing that it leads you to grunt or squeal so very loudly that I wonder if some humans ever evolved past Neanderthal?

Shut up. Seriously. People have ears. They hear you yelling. If you are not on fire, they do not want to hear you yelling. They think less of you for being a spectacle.

I realize that I spend a fair bit of time griping about maturity. I know that I am not the most mature person myself, but I try to at least appear mature in public.

That, and I'll never make pudding in an Eich toilet.

I think the only way "freshmen" survive in life is that so many people put up with them. That and trust funds. I remember a line I used last semester: "we will not be treated like adults until we act like adults."

I went on to describe a good first step: condemning childish behavior.

When someone hoots, hollers and throws feces in the campus center, they should not be encouraged. They are not the only ones to blame, however. The people sitting around laughing and encouraging the cretinous behavior are guiltier than the moron yelling.

Treat the onlookers with the same dignity and respect, and they will cease to condone idiocy.

If you do not like your neighbor, do not punish them by doing horrible things to them. Just deal with it. You are not going to like everyone, and chances are the person is oblivious.

And if you do decide that it's appropriate to get them back by playing bathroom pranks, take a moment to consider how long ago their freshman year was. A senior likely knows fifteen different ways to get you back for tampering with a toilet. You fail to notice this, as they refrain from traipsing about pulling asinine pranks in the wee hours of Wednesday night.

They have more important things to worry about. Like being an adult. Or a human being.

That, and they know it isn't socially acceptable to drink heavily during the week. Some even hold the strange notion that there is never a reason to drink oneself into a stupor, and that this often signals alcoholism, even when it happens during a weekend.

But you should keep drinking. Studies suggest that alcohol will make you infertile, and the last thing I would like to see is freshmen with offspring.

Bill is a senior computer science major. He enjoys tea, the work of the late Kurt Vonnegut and midnight trips to Sheetz. He expresses his condolences to the world on the loss of one of its greatest writers.

OUR VIEW

Aren't academics and classwork supposed to be of a higher priority than extracurricular events, including Greek life, athletics and even *The Holcad*?

Most upperclassmen know the stress which Greek Week brings to the lives of fraternity men and sorority women at a time when capstones and final papers are due, professors are giving last chapter tests before the final and everyone–students and faculty alike–are ready for summer to begin.

Despite the stress, Greek Week is a great event. It's (generally) friendly competition between similar organizations, and it certainly unifies the Greek community. This year's organizers, Barry Unis, Roxanne Ierino, Jim Jowers and Ashley Carnahan, have done a magnificent job arranging the events and rearranging events because of the less-than-desirable weather.

However, some Greeks take Greek Week far too seriously. Many Greeks leave or entirely skip a class in order to compete in or at least attend an event that week. These fair souls sacrifice a portion of their education in order to compete and help prove their fraternity or sorority to be the better than the rest. Even worse, some Greeks *expect* other Greeks to leave or skip class.

The Holcad sees a problem with this: Greek life seems to take a higher priority than classwork for a week.

Isn't education the reason we're here? Aren't academics and classwork supposed to be of a higher priority than extracurricular events, including Greek life, athletics and even *The Holcad*?

Phi Kappa Tau was noticeably missing from the Swimming competition Tuesday, April 24. *The Holcad* asked a brother why.

"One brother had a major lab report to do," he said. "Another was called to work. Most of the other brothers were either working at a job or doing classwork, such as papers, lab reports and capstones."

Academics aren't the only thing that seems to take a backseat during Greek Week. Health does, too.

The Holcad commends the valiant souls who braved the blustery, rainy conditions the evening of Wednesday, April 25 while awaiting the start of the ultimate Frisbee and softball tournaments. A lot of students complained about the weather, but showed up and played nonetheless. However, we question if the event should have been canceled–a lot of students seem to have gotten sick in the past two days. Oh well, though: hindsight is 20/20.

Sing and Swing rehearsal adds to the stress, not only because it is mandatory and hard work, but because of the physical stress on the students' bodies. Judy Duda, director of the Student Health Center, sent a health tip this week regarding soreness after exercise, suggesting sufferers take ibuprofen to relax muscles and wear ice packs to help reduce swelling.

One member of *The Holcad* staff stopped in to get ibuprofen and was told that he wasn't the only one who'd complained about the physical stress of Sing and Swing rehearsal.

Nothing can be done regarding the weather. The powers-that-be control it, and it's up to the Greek Week organizers to determine if the weather is inclement enough to cancel an event.

However, *The Holcad* proposes that, in order to not only reduce the physical stress of it, but also perhaps improve the results of it, Sing and Swing rehearsal be extended into the weeks before Greek Week.

We think we understand the current reasoning: if everyone starts practicing at the same time and practices for the same amount of time for the same amount of days, the competition will be as even as possible. This is greatly sensible. However, extending Sing and Swing rehearsal to two or three weeks before the show would not change this, and it would be up to the individual organizations to determine if they want to enforce compulsory attendance to these rehearsals.

Or, to keep the events within one week because of the college's busy spring semester schedule, the organizers could limit number of sporting events throughout the week. While the evening events are supposed to be fun and entertaining following the afternoon's active events, they can go over the anticipated end time, leaving fraternities and sororities practicing for Sing and Swing much later than the planned 11:00 p.m.

The Holcad wants Greek Week to remain fun for everyone, regardless of the outcome of the tournaments, competitions or Sing and Swing. It should not be the source of stress that is has become to many.

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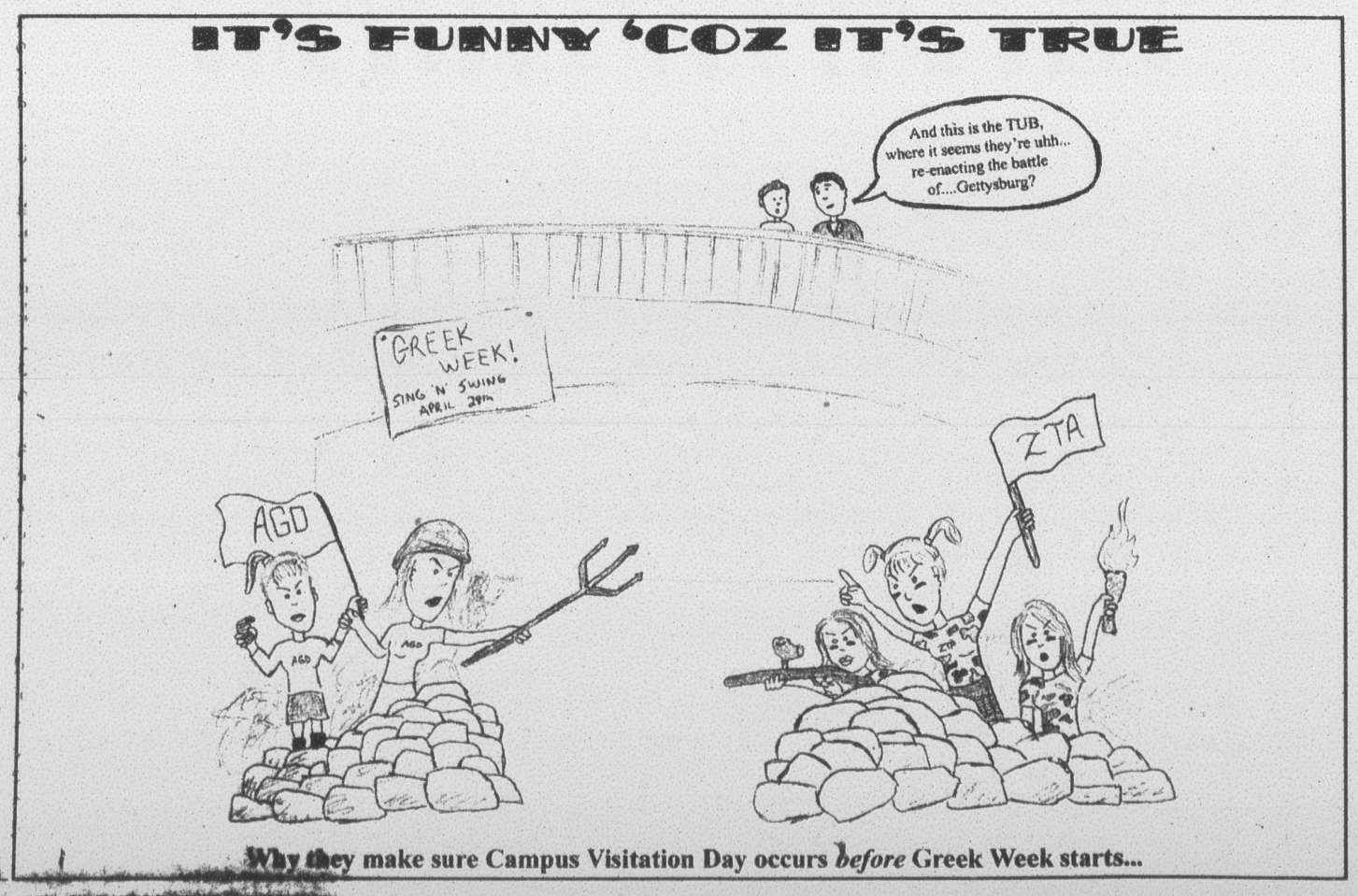

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REGIONAL

Hill District leaders to meet with city, Pittsburgh Penguins officials

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Residents of the city's predominantly black Hill District plan to meet with city and Pittsburgh Penguins officials Friday to demand a share of revenues from a new arena being built nearby.

The Penguins currently play in Mellon Arena, which was built in 1961 after blocks of predominantly black homes were razed to make room for it.

The new arena will be built across the street, and black lawmakers and community leaders have said it's only fair to compensate them when the new arena is built.

The group, led by state Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Allegheny, local clergy and community leaders, wants the team and the city-county Sports & Exhibition Authority to provide $10 million for Hill District redevelopment, and an annual share of revenues from the $290 million arena, which is scheduled to open in 2009. They also want 30 percent of construction jobs to go to minorities.

Friday's meeting would be the first between the group and team officials.

"I think it's fair and reasonable to talk about minority participation and representation," Mayor Luke Ravenstahl told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. "And I think their expectation of a certain amount of dollars invested in the community is fair. Now, we may disagree on what that means."

Gun-rights supporters rally

Pennsylvania lawmakers decry gun-rights banner invoking lynching

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Two participants in a gun-rights rally Tuesday at the Capitol held up a banner calling for a Philadelphia lawmaker to be "hung from the tree of liberty." Black lawmakers denounced the message as racist and "a terroristic threat," and demanded a police investigation.

The banner said Rep. Angel Cruz, a Democrat of Puerto Rican descent who is sponsoring legislation to require gun registration and a $10-a-gun annual fee, "should be hung from the tree of liberty for treasonous acts against the constitution."

Rep. Thaddeus Kirkland, chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, said at a news conference that the banner was "an act of racism, an act of hatred, an act of bigotry and a terroristic threat on the life of a colleague."

"No one has the right to call for the lynching of another human being _ no one," he said.

Paul Estus, of Ridgway, one of two men who held up the banner, said during the morning rally that the lynching tree was "just a figure of speech."

"You've got to make a stand," he said.

Rep. Jewell Williams, chairman of the Democrats' Philadelphia delegation, threatened a boycott on legislative business unless leaders of both parties agree to a policy or procedure to ban threatening signs from the Capitol.

"They said they're going to address it," Williams said.

Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Butler, an organizer of the rally, condemned the banner as "not appropriate," and was later among a handful of lawmakers who criticized it on the House floor.

"It's very appropriate," said Alan Kiser, of Warren, who held the banner along with Estus. "If they don't think that this is appropriate, they wouldn't think our founding fathers were appropriate."

A spokesman for the Capitol Police, Edward Myslewicz, said the department was unaware of the banner but would follow up if it receives a complaint.

Kirkland, D-Delaware, said a letter would be sent to the state police late Tuesday.

Cruz's proposal was on the minds of many of the hundreds of gun-rights advocates who packed the Capitol Rotunda to hear a group of state lawmakers, mostly Republicans, advocate proposals to expand those rights.

Cruz has said he introduced his bill to address escalating gun violence in Philadelphia, where 128 homicides had been reported through Monday, putting the city on pace to record the highest number of murders in a decade.

But gun owners in Pennsylvania are well organized and well-connected politically, claiming strong support from legislative leaders - and rank-and-file - of both parties in the General Assembly.

Cruz's bill has virtually no chance of passing, and many at the rally bitterly opposed it.

"Criminals will not tell you how many guns they have and pay a tax on it," said Charles McKelly, a 69-year-old retiree from Hershey.

He said the proposal would cost him a substantial sum to pay fees for the weapons he keeps for hunting, clay-pigeon shooting and self-defense.

The event was organized and dominated by Republicans, although some Democratic lawmakers participated.

Rep. Dick Stevenson, R-Mercer, proposed allowing those with valid concealed-weapons permits to buy guns without having to go through the criminal-background checks currently required of all gun purchasers.

Metcalfe said he wants to eliminate a gun-sales database maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police and allow people who can show they are in "imminent danger" to be quickly issued temporary permits to carry concealed weapons.

Positions on gun control among House Democrats run the gamut, said Tom Andrews, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene. DeWeese has promised to consign Cruz's bill "to oblivion."

Despite overwhelming opposition in the House, Cruz said he is standing by the bill.

Four of five co-sponsors have already withdrawn their support.

"It's my bill and I am not running from it," Cruz said. "A good legislator dances to the song that he chose."

NATIONAL

U of Virginia apologizes for slave labor

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) - The University of Virginia's board marked founder Thomas Jefferson's birthday with an apology for the school's use of slave labor between 1819 and 1865.

The board of visitors unanimously passed an apology resolution on April 13, the 264th anniversary of Jefferson's birth, but did not announce the action until Tuesday.

The measure was inspired by the Virginia Legislature, which passed a resolution in February expressing its "profound regret" for the state's role in slavery.

Legislatures in Maryland and North Carolina approved similar slavery apologies this year, and another measure is under consideration in Alabama.

Slaves in Virginia helped build some of the first buildings at U.Va., which opened in 1825, and the university continued to use slave labor for four decades after that.

"The board expresses its particular regret for the employment of enslaved persons in these years," the resolution reads. It says "the notion of involuntary servitude is repugnant and incompatible with the ideals upon which this university was founded."

The resolution declares that the board is recommitting itself to the principle of equality.

"It is very important to us ... not just to look back but recognize the commitment of the administration that all types of people are treated fairly for now and in the future," said university Rector Thomas F. Farrell II.

Nine percent of the university's undergraduate students are black, according to university spokeswoman Carol Wood.

Rosie O'Donnell to leave "The View"

Cites difficulty coming to contract agreement as reason

NEW YORK (AP) - Rosie O'Donnell's stormy tenure on "The View" will be a short one. The opinionated host was unable to agree on a contract with ABC, and she'll leave the show in June.

O'Donnell said on the show Wednesday that she wanted to stay for one more year, and ABC wanted three. So she decided to leave, although she said she will appear occasionally next season for things like a planned one-hour special on autism.

"It just didn't work," she said, "and that's show biz. But it's not sad because I loved it here and I love you guys and I'm not going away."

O'Donnell has helped raise the ratings for the daytime chat show invented by Barbara Walters. But her outspokenness has caused continual controversy, including a nasty name-calling feud with Donald Trump that placed Walters squarely in the middle.

"We have had, to say the least, an interesting year," Walters said.

Walters said she had nothing to do with the decision, reached after talks between representatives for ABC Daytime and O'Donnell.

"This is not my doing or my choice," she said.

Walters was frequently left to clean up the damage after O'Donnell. She did it most recently Monday, when O'Donnell was criticized for using bad language and attacking Rupert Murdoch from the dais of the annual New York Women in Communication awards luncheon.

"I would like to point out that Rosie's view is not always mine," Walters said. "I would like to say for the record that I am very fond of Rupert Murdoch."

In the Trump imbroglio, O'Donnell was reportedly mad that Walters did not come more swiftly to her defense, while Trump said Walters told him she didn't want O'Donnell on the show _ a claim Walters denied.

Trump quickly went on Fox News Channel Wednesday to claim that O'Donnell was fired by ABC because of remarks made at the Women in Communications luncheon.

"Barbara's the happiest person in the world that Rosie's been fired," Trump said.

Cindi Berger, spokeswoman for both O'Donnell and Walters, denied Trump's claim, wondering how he would know what had happened in contract talks between O'Donnell and ABC.

"She wasn't going to commit to anything for three years and they would not commit to her for one more," Berger said. Locking in O'Donnell to a three-year deal could protect ABC from year-to-year increases if the ratings continue to be good for the show.

Despite controversy - or maybe because of it - O'Donnell was good business for ABC, owned by the Walt Disney Co. Ratings for "The View" during February sweeps were up 15 percent in key women demographics over the same time in 2006.

Bill Carroll, an expert in the syndication market for Katz Television, said he'd be surprised if ABC didn't try hard to keep O'Donnell, given the attention she brought to the long-running show.

The timing of the announcement doesn't particularly suit O'Donnell if she wants to remain in daytime television. She wouldn't be able to introduce a new program to the syndication market until September 2008, he said. But the company that produced O'Donnell's long-running daytime show has expressed interest in having her back, he said.

O'Donnell has discussed acting on the FX show, "Nip/Tuck." But she has not decided what she wants to do in TV in the future, Berger said.

O'Donnell made headlines repeatedly for comments on "The View," and for testy exchanges with her more conservative partner, Elisabeth Hasselbeck.

She criticized "American Idol" in January for airing humiliating auditions. "Isn't that what America thinks of entertainment? To make fun of someone's physical appearance. And when they leave the room, laugh hysterically at them. Three millionaires, one probably intoxicated."

She accused fellow ABC daytime host Kelly Ripa of making a homophobic remark, said "radical Christianity is just as threatening as radical Islam in a country like America" and has been critical of President Bush.

Statements by public figures are being watched more closely in the post-Don Imus era. The lobbying group Focus on the Family said it was preparing to contact advertisers on "The View" as part of a campaign against O'Donnell. The group is angry at O'Donnell for comments they feel were insulting to Catholics.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

DNA Evidence Leads to Murder Arrest

State Police say a New Castle man now faces criminal homicide charges in connection with the death of a local woman who's nude body was found near a votech school last month.

Troopers say they arrested 44 year old Gaylord Spell over the weekend for the murder of Sueann Brest.

Her body was found near the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center on March 1.

Troopers say DNA evidence under the victim's fingernails belongs to the suspect who they also say lived a block away from her.

The autopsy revealed she died of multiple blunt force traumas.

Amish Boy Hurt In Hit & Run Accident

State Police are on the look out locally for a black four-door Ford pickup truck with an extended cab after it stricl an an Amish buggy on Saturday afternoon in Wilmington Township injuring an Amish boy. It happened on the Mercer County side of the county line on the Mercer-New Castle Road near Leesburg Station Road. The nine-year old Amish boy is now at home recovering from injuries he suffered in the accident. The driver of the Amish buggy tells Troopers the pickup driver struck the buggy but kept going despite a flat tire and front end damage. Anyone with information about the hit and run vehicle should call State Police in Mercer.

INTERNATIONAL

Horse owner, pet spend night inside Berlin bank

BERLIN (AP) - An early-morning bank customer had a bit of a shock when he found a horse at the automatic teller machine.

The horse's owner, identified only as Wolfgang H., had a bit too much to drink the night before and decided to sleep it off inside the bank's heated foyer, police said Tuesday.

The 40-year-old machinist told Bild newspaper he had had "a few beers" with a friend in Wiesenburg, southwest of Berlin, and decided to hit the hay in the bank on his way home.

Confronted with the lack of a hitching-post, he brought the 6-year-old horse, named Sammy, in with him.

When a customer came across the horse and sleeping rider in the bank at 4:15 a.m. Monday, he called police, who then came and woke the owner up and sent him on his way.

No charges were filed, but there might be some cleanup needed: Apparently Sammy made his own after-hours deposit on the carpet.

Mexico City vote to legalize abortion sets stage for bitter court battle

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Mexico City lawmakers voted to legalize abortion during the first three months of pregnancy, a landmark decision likely to heighten church-state tensions in the Roman Catholic country and lead to a bitter court battle.

Abortion-rights advocates said they hoped the vote would be the start of a new trend across Mexico and other parts of Latin America, where only Cuba and Guyana permit women to have abortions on demand in the first trimester. Most other Latin American countries allow it only in cases of rape or when the woman's life is at risk. Nicaragua, El Salvador and Chile ban it completely.

But the debate in Mexico appeared far from over. Opponents vowed to challenge the law before the Supreme Court, saying it violates the Mexican constitution's protection of individual rights.

"This is a step backward for democracy," said Armando Martinez, the leader of a Catholic lawyers' group that has petitioned the leftist-dominated legislature for a referendum on the issue. The church has played a vocal role in protesting the measure, which was also opposed by President Felipe Calderon's conservative National Action Party. Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera led a march through the capital last month in opposition to the bill, pushing the limits of Mexico's constitutional ban on political activity by religious groups.

The Archdiocese said Tuesday that it would "evaluate the moral consequences of the reforms" and Rivera would have no public comment until Sunday.

The bill, approved 46-19, with one abstention, will take effect with the expected signing by the city's leftist mayor. The new law will require city hospitals to provide the procedure in the first trimester and opens the way for private abortion clinics. Girls under 18 would have to get their parents' consent.

The procedure will be almost free for poor or uninsured city residents. Mexico City is a federal district similar to Washington, D.C., with its own legislature. The district includes the capital and its suburbs and is home to about 20 million people.

Opponents fear the local law could attract women across Mexico seeking abortions. Nationally, Mexico allows abortion only in cases of rape, severe birth defects or if the woman's life is at risk. Doctors sometimes refuse to perform the procedure even under those circumstances.

However the law is unlikely to attract patients from the United States, where later-term abortion is legal in many states. Under the Mexico City law, women having an abortion after 12 weeks face punishment of three to six months in jail. Those performing abortions after that period would face one to three years in jail.

A crowd of abortion-rights supporters chanting "Yes, we did it!" gathered at a monument to 19th-century anti-clerical reformer Benito Juarez in downtown Mexico City after the vote.

"I feel happy, because this is a step forward, not backward, for a woman's right and freedom to choose ... about her body and her life," said demonstrator Gabriela Cruz, 36.

Proponents of the law say it would save lives.

Botched abortions using herbal remedies, black-market medications and quasi-medical procedures kill about 1,500 women in Mexico each year and are the third-leading cause of death for pregnant women in the capital, said Martha Micher, director of Mexico City's Women's Institute.

"Decriminalizing abortion is a historic triumph, a triumph of the left," said city legislator Jorge Diaz Cuervo, a leftist social democrat who voted for the bill. "Today, there is a new atmosphere in this city. It is the atmosphere of freedom."

Recent newspaper polls showed that a majority of Mexico City residents support legalized abortions, at least in the first weeks of pregnancy. That is at odds with the Catholic faith, which rejects abortion in the belief that life begins at conception.

Campus News

NASA executive, alumnus speaks

By Tom Campana
Campus writer

Jim Adams spoke to Westminster students, faculty, and other community members in Phillips Lecture Hall on Thursday April 19 at the 21st Annual Woods Memorial Lecture.

Adams, who is a an executive administrator at NASA and a 1979 graduate of Westminster College, spoke to 120 people as he presented his question "Space-Why Bother?" He discussed NASA's program and main views of how NASA works and what it is. The main goal of Adams' presentation was to try and educate people about what NASA actually does.

"Seventy-five percent of people in the Unites States approve of what NASA does, but only 6 percent of the 75 actually knows what NASA does," Adams said.

Adams also presented a video introducing NASA's newly approved project, Global Precipitation Measurement, also known as GPM. GPM will require world wide effort to enter space. This project will involve several countries setting up numerous satellites, capable of measuring precipitation on Earth; this will help to indicate areas that are in risk of flooding in years to come.

Lisa Colatruglio, a senior biology major, attended the event and recalled how Adams presented his talk.

"Adams talk was well organized and informed," Colatruglio said. "His main points gave reasons why we should bother when it comes to space exploration."

According to Adams, space is about expanding the use of human knowledge, rising up to new challenges, and peace on Earth.

Senior biology major Marlee Bruno also attended the presentation and she felt that Adams lecture was very well put.

"I think that Mr. Adams put together very useful information and pointers to those who are not knowledgeable on space studies, I also think his materials were eye opening and very educational," Bruno said.

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Jim Adams

Adams was a physics major at Westminster and earned his masters in electrical engineering at Villanova University. Adams has been working on aeronautics for the past 29 years, 19 of which have been with NASA.

The Woods Memorial Lecture is an honorary lecture that has been provided by the Woods family, alumni, and friends for the past 21 years. Dr. Robert M. Woods was a professor of physics at Westminster College from 1947-1972.

Smithey presents research

By Staci McGill
Staff writer

Dr. Shannon Smithey, associate professor of sociology, traveled to Chicago to present two research papers at the Mid-West Political Science Convention the weekend of April 14.

Smithey presented her first paper on political information from obituaries. She researched obituaries from 1930's to the 1990's, looking at how parts of people's lives can be affected by political issues. Her second paper was on the judicial politics of court systems in Eastern European countries.

"My paper was partially on the interpretation of democratic rights in Lithuania," Smithey said, "You can see the influence of the democratic through their history."

Smithey changes subjects on judicial courts every other year; she goes from Eastern European courts to South African courts. She plans to travel to Berlin in July to extend her Eastern European subjects towards work on the institution to umpire the system and keep trust within their subjects.

"The courts in Eastern Europe are more assertive in democratic courts compared to South African." Smithey said.

Smithey explained that when her work is known and others recognize her effort, it is nice to get acknowledged for it.

"Conducting and presenting research is part of being a college professor," Dr. Kristin Park, a professor of sociology, said. "It helps faculty stay up to date in their fields and intellectually vital."

Park noted that it also keeps them polished in their own research skills, so she is better able to advise and teach students about research methods. Her students express the devotion and the dedication that she puts into all of her work, whether it is from her research presentations to helping a student through a rough chapter.

"She is a wonderful professor," junior Summer Simmes, said. "She has influenced me in many ways. I could only wish to strive to be as knowledgeable as her."

Smithey will continue her research on judicial courts on Eastern Europe in Berlin during the summer of 2007.

Political groups: "Deal or No Deal"

By Susan DiFonzo
Campus writer

A new way to turn $5 into $500 is possible through the entertainment of two men and twenty sorority girls.

On May 3, the College Republicans, Green Party, and College Democrats will host a reenactment of the hit show "Deal or No Deal." Beginning at 7 p.m. in the Clubroom of the McKelvey Campus Center, at least two lucky contestants will have the chance to turn a small admission fee of $5 into $500.

The political parties sponsoring the event will donate all proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Although the $5 might seem like a lot for a college student, you have the opportunity to win a significant amount of money while helping a worthwhile cause," co-chair of the event Travis Gulling said.

Ben Portz, who will act as the host of the event, and Tony Gomez, who will act as the banker of the event, will provide entertainment on stage. Twenty sorority girls as well as at least two contestants will also join Portz and Gomez on stage. Four girls from all five sororities will each hold a case containing various amounts of money ranging from a penny to $500.

"I can assure you the event will be amusing," Portz said. "It will be hot [be]cause I'm fly so you should come, watch, possibly even win $500, and then take me out for dinner."

The event will be set up just as NBC's "Deal or No Deal" television show. The contestant will have 20 different cases to choose from. The contestant will choose one suitcase with an unknown amount of money inside. Once the original case is chosen, the contestant will then eliminate several other cases.

After eliminating several cases banker Tony Gomez, who will have a personal Excel banking program set up, will formulate various money offers. The offers will tempt the contestant to either sell the original case and take Gomez's offer or keep the original case and continue eliminating cases. If the contestant opts not to take Gomez's offer, the cycle continues until the only the original case is left.

"Please come to watch 'Deal or No Deal' Westminster style," one of Alpha Gamma Delta's suitcase holders Julia James said. "It's for an awesome cause and it's going to be a fun time."

The admission fee of $5 will automatically allow each person to enter the drawing to be one of the lucky contestants.

The political organizations invite everyone to come help the Make-A-Wish Foundation and have the chance to end the semester out of debt by winning $500.

Stories

Students share friends' Va. Tech experiences

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the time and able to leave campus, she is now grieving the loss of two close friends who fell victim to the shooter. The incident served as a reminder for Thompson that tragedies can sometimes hit close to home.

"You hear reports of horrible news everyday in the newspaper or on television, yet none of it really has much impact until you have that relation, regardless of how close or distant," Thompson said. "It makes you realize that all the horrible things that happen all over the world can affect the people you know and love."

Lindsey Guthrie, freshman sociology major, attended Franklin Regional High School where several graduates went on to college at Virginia Tech. About forty people from her school go there and most are engineering majors, including one of her best friends from high school Dennis Pruis.

Fortunately, Guthrie contacted him immediately to find that he was off campus at the time and not involved in the incident. Still, Guthrie clung to her television to gather as much information as possible.

"The day of the shootings, I could not shut the television off and I watched all of the coverage until the minute I went to bed; four days following, I never turned the news off," Guthrie said. "I knew that many old friends and fellow students were there and I just wanted to ensure that they were all okay."

Guthrie said her friend, like most Virginia Tech students, has been spending time with friends to cope with the tragedy.

"One night he had dinner at a friend's house with about ten friends and a couple professors where they spoke about the tragedy, but mostly just enjoyed each other's company," Guthrie said. "Also, on Saturday, they went for a hike near a lake just to get away and clear their heads."

Guthrie said she has been doing everything she can to support the Virginia Tech students and the victims.

"Monday evening I joined many Facebook groups supporting VT," Guthrie said. One said to wear maroon and orange ribbon to show support so I went to Wal*Mart that night and bought two yards of ribbon for my hall mates and I to wear for the week."

Guthrie feels fortunate that none of her friends were hurt, but has served as a reminder of the importance of friendship.

"This incident reminded me how luck I was that all my friends down there were okay," Guthrie said. "It has also inspired me to connect with all of my old friends this summer and rekindle friendships that I've let slide."

WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

No houses are officially open Friday, April 27.

Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon are open Saturday, April 28 following Sing and Swing.

Alpha Sigma Phi is open by invitation only this weekend.

Best Wishes to the

2007 Undergraduate Research Symposium Presenters

Jeffrey Ammons *	Courtney Gilmore	Amanda Miller *	Jonathan Schilke
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Hear about their work at the Symposium on Saturday, April 28, 2007

8:00 a.m. Refreshments: Second Floor McKelvey Campus Center
8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Presentations: McKelvey Campus Center & Thompson Clark
8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Poster Display: Second Floor McKelvey Campus Center
8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Art Capstone Projects: Art Gallery, Patterson Hall

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Campus News

More time to exercise

SGA looking for longer hours at the Walker Fitness Center

By Travis Gulling
Campus riter

SGA is attempting to expand the Fitness Center hours so students will have more opportunities to exercise on campus.

The Fitness Center is currently open from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. However, many students feel that with their busy schedules they cannot work out when they would like.

"Students feel that with their hectic schedules, they would be able to better utilize the fitness centers on campus with longer hours of operations, especially earlier in the morning," sophomore Judicial Chair Ashley Carnahan said.

Many students feel that it would be more convenient to have longer hours for the Fitness Center, especially during the morning. Senior broadcast communication major Amy Lavallee would use the Fitness Center during the morning, as that would help her start off the day.

"I definitely would use the Fitness Center in the morning," Lavallee said. "I would be able to prioritize my day better if I could wake up, go to the gym to get it out of the way, and then get other work done in the afternoon or evenings."

When comparing our Fitness Center hours to those of other colleges and universities, our Fitness Center is open far below average. On average, the Fitness Center is open less than eight hours per day.

SGA

During an average week, Thiel College's fitness center is opened 16 hours per day - double that of our campus. Both Thiel and SRU open their fitness centers at 6:00 a.m. during the week, while Marge Walker and the Field House fitness center both open at 1:00 p.m.

Students would enjoy coming in earlier in the morning because it would work better for their schedules, claims senior business administration major Rachel Eaton, who works at the Fitness Center. She also believes that earlier hours would be beneficial.

"I think it would be good if the Fitness Center was opened earlier," Eaton said. "Many students have asked me is the Fitness Center ever opened earlier because it would be more accessible to them. This definitely makes me think that there is enough interest in earlier hours."

No changes have been made to the current hours by SGA. Carnahan still needs to meet with President Williamson to discuss this issue. A concern about changing the hours is that there are not enough workers to work at the Fitness Center if the times were expanded. Lavallee doesn't feel that this should be a problem.

"Even as [the hours] are now, the workers sometimes don't show up to work," Lavallee said. "So it is hit or miss even if you go down at the appropriate time."

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Students to present at Research Symposium

By Jessica Davis
Campus writer

More than fifty students from varying disciplines will present their scholarly or creative research at the Undergraduate Symposium on Saturday, April 28. The symposium will include posters, displays, performances, and oral presentations resulting from research completed by the students involved. The Drinko Center is sponsoring this event and Dr. Barbara Faires, professor of mathematics, is the coordinator.

"The symposium is an opportunity for students to share their work with the larger campus," Virginia M. Tomlinson, director of the Drinko Center, said. "That makes it a very rewarding experience."

According to Faires, the symposium was originally an annual conference held at local colleges.

Biology professor Dr. Ann E. Throckmorton helped establish the symposium on campus in 1998. Although it was specifically geared toward scientific research and was presented in Hoyt, the symposium eventually became available to all disciplines and areas of study. Any students who have completed honors research, capstone, or other scholarly or creative projects are encouraged to participate. An application must be obtained and include a title, an abstract and the name of the research advisor. No rewards are granted, but the event gives students experience and knowledge in public speaking.

"I think it is beneficial to see the presentations of students not only in your same major, but in other disciplines as well," senior Allison Baker said. "Too often, students remain in their 'academic bubble,' and it is so important to expose yourself to other types of thinking."

According to Tomlinson, the symposium offers recognition for undergraduates and their research that has been done throughout the year.

Because it is open to the public, the symposium participants' family and friends may attend. Refreshments and poster presentations will be on the second floor of McKelvey at 8:00 a.m., and the presentations will be in McKelvey and Thompson Clark from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

"A paper or research project is just words on a page, but a symposium allows those words to flow in a way that is not possible when you close the book on a paper that has been submitted for grading," senior John Knapp said.

Note: An advertisement including a list of this year's participants can be found in this edition of The Holcad *on Page A-4.*

Former Buddhist nun speaks in Heinz Lecture

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

On April 24, a guest speaker brought a little bit of Thailand with her when she came to Westminster.

Faith Adiele, who won the PEN Beyond Margins Award and has recently been featured in O magazine, spoke about her experience as the first black Buddhist nun in Thailand. Adiele's visit was a part of the Heinz Lecture Series, and thus was sponsored by the Heinz Endowment.

"It is part of the Heinz Series and so is sponsored by the Heinz Endowment," said religion professor, Dr. Bryan Rennie. "I am the Vira I. Heinz Professor of Religion and my position is paid for by the income from a one-million dollar endowment given to Westminster College for the study of religion in a global and ecumenical sense."

Faith Adiele began her education at Harvard University, but did not feel like she fit in, so she left Harvard and went to Thailand for a study program. For her study, Adiele decided to go into the world of the Buddhist nuns, but at first, she had no intention of becoming one.

However, when she was in Thailand, her advisor took her to a Buddhist temple, far into the forest, and she decided then and there that she would become a nun herself. From her experiences as a nun, she wrote her first book called "Meeting Faith," which won the PEN Beyond Margins Award for the Best Memoir of 2005.

Currently she is Assistant Professor of Creative Nonfiction at the University of Pittsburgh, and working on another book, entitled "Twins: Growing Up Nigerian/Nordic/American."

"It is worthwhile for students to attend these lectures because it makes us better people, more thoroughly informed and more able to understand the world and the people in it other than just ourselves," said Rennie. "By understanding other people we can understand ourselves better."

For those that enjoyed listening to Adiele speak, there is another lecture in the Heinz series coming up on May 7. Huang Xiang, a Chinese poet, will be reading from his poetry in Chinese, which will be translated by his wife.

CS majors to present at Behrend

Trio will show capstone projects at Sigma Xi conference

Senior computer science majors Colin Dean, Jeremy Alberth and Ryan Moore will present their capstones at the Sigma Xi research conference at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College Saturday, April 28.

The three will present there instead of at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on the same day.

Presenting at Behrend provides a few perks for the participating senior computer science majors.

"The audience to which we are presenting our capstone has a greater interest in what we will be discussing," Dean said. "Most students at Westminster would probably not be interested in our capstones."

"The Behrend Sigma Xi conference historically attracts students from many regional schools," Dr. David Shaffer, professor of computer science and the students' capstone advisor, said. "This is not a goal of the current Westminster research symposium. Our department feels that it is important for our graduating seniors to see what other students in their discipline are working on."

The Westminster College website expresses how much work students put into the capstone research and presentation: "The capstone is at least a four-semester-hour course within the major designed to provide an opportunity for students to evaluate and assess the strengths and limitations of their major field."

Alberth, Dean and Moore's part of the conference will consist of their respective presentations and two Behrend students' presentations.

In his capstone, Dean designed a Linux router that can be run from a CD or flash drive. A router is one of the main components needed for computers to access the Internet.

The second is Jeremy Alberth, whose capstone is about artificial intelligence and will focus on the logic and strategy game Quoridor. The purpose of the game is to be the first to reach the line opposite to one's base line. Two or four players can play the game, and each player uses "walls" to try and block their opponent from reaching the other side.

The last student from the college participating in the Sigma Xi honorary conference is Ryan Moore. He is presenting his research and findings on a scriptable, extensible emulator and debugger which he calls SEED. It allows users to test assembly code within a controlled environment.

"My experience in attending regional (in this case a larger region: the North Eastern states) conferences has shown me that the work being conducted in the Westminster capstone research experience compares very favorably with students working at similar and even "better" schools," Shaffer said. "I'm proud to have our students go to another campus and show what they've done."

[Ed. note: Sophomore Zach Marsh contributed to this report.]

Admissions seeking Dean

By Stefan Schneider
Contributing writer

The college will soon be saying hello to a replacement for Interim Dean of Admissions Brad Tokar.

With the conclusion of the current hiring process, Brad Tokar will be stepping down from that particular position. This is not a surprise and has been anticipated for some time, as the gears of the hiring process have been turning.

"There had been two candidates on campus this week, with another coming up next week," Tokar said. "We hope to offer the position to someone in May."

In order to field potential candidates, a committee headed by Dean Mann was formed to perform national search via the Chronicle of Higher Education. This process has been occurring this entire academic year, ending with the committee deciding on three or four candidates to bring on campus to interview.

The candidates had to send a resume, cover letter and three recommendations each to qualify for consideration for an interview. All of these were submitted to Dr. Mann, who recommended some to the committee that decided who to invite.

Once invited, the interview process requires potential candidates to spend a day meeting with the committee, faculty, staff, various groups and President Williamson.

"It's a pretty full day," Tokar said.

Although any group can make recommendations to the committee and the committee can in turn make recommendations to the president, the final decision belongs to President Williamson.

As for prerequisites, the position of Dean of Admissions requires a Bachelor's degree, though a Master's is preferred, with a minimum of about five years of admissions experience. No specific major or discipline is required, only successful admissions experience, preferably with a few years in advanced and managerial roles, given the nature of the work.

The Dean of Admission's duties include enrollment management, admissions decisions and communication between the school and interested prospective students. The duties also demand appearances at open houses, receptions and high school visits.

English majors present capstones

By Megan Hoffman
Campus writer

Ten English majors presented their capstone projects at the Bleasby Colloquium Senior Farewell on Thursday April 26.

Each of the students had five minutes to present his or her project. They used that time to explain the nature of their projects and to read selected portions of their work. Some of the speakers read selections from the creative portion of their project, while others read selections of the critical portion.

"They deserved to be heard, and we're quite proud of their accomplishments," English professor Dr. Swerdlow said.

The ten students presenting were Caitlin Pratt, Katie Alcorn, Sherri Breitigan, Laura Kocher, Aimee Covel, Chip Hothem, Katie Hutchison, Andrea Pastorius, Katie Chandley and Jennifer Slobodian.

Slobodian is an English major with a minor in both secondary education and Spanish. The title of her project was "The Blank Page that Awaits: A Study of Translation Theory and Pablo Neruda's 'Alturas de Macchu Picchu.'"

"My capstone project involves a study of translation from three different angles: theory, practice and analysis," said Slobodian. "I chose this project because I love everything Neruda and it allowed me to combine my interests in English and Spanish."

After graduation, Slobodian will attend the University of South Carolina to complete a master's degree in comparative literature.

Also attending graduate school in the fall is Sherri Breitigan, who presented her capstone project on Lewis Carroll and Alice in Wonderland. Breitigan's topic was titled "Redefining Lewis Carroll: A Journey from Life to Poetry to Wonderland."

"I re-read Alice in Wonderland one summer and realized there was a lot of material to analyze in the novel," Breitigan said. "After doing some research on Lewis Carroll, I learned there was a lot of information and misinformation about him and wanted to do an analysis."

Breitigan plans to attend Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. At Seton Hall, she will not only be working for her master's in English literature, but she also has an assistantship teaching First-year Writing and Introduction to Literary Studies.

English major and secondary education minor Katie Chandley focused her capstone project on incorporating Sylvia Plath and Virginia Woolf in high school curriculums.

"I wanted a capstone that involved both education and English," Chandley said. "I enjoy the work of both Plath and Woolf, and feel that it should be taught in high school classrooms because it draws attention to mental illness."

Chandley notes that she was excited to be a speaker because she has enjoyed attending the event in the past years.

"I got involved as a speaker because I am anxious to finally 'show-off' this massive project that I put so much work into," Chandley said. "I want to share that with other English majors who are beginning the capstone process."

After graduation Chandley plans to find a teaching job in her hometown of Erie, Pa. before ultimately pursuing graduate school.

"I can't believe that it's finally my turn to get up and do the talking," Chandley said. "The English department is like a close-knit family and I'll never forget them."

Amnesty International to host Jamnesty on campus

May 1 event to feature entertainment, information

By Katie Chandley
Staff Writer

Amnesty International is hosting their 4th Annual Jamnesty event Tues., May 1 in the Anderson Amphitheater.

The event will feature music from local entertainers and information on the organization's many endeavors. The proceeds from the concert will go directly to a California State University student who is raising money to travel to Rwanda. While in the country, he will work to provide an entire city with electricity.

Dr. Andrea Grove, former professor of international politics, contacted the group asking for help concerning one of her current students. Dr. Grove now teaches at California State University, Channel Islands.

Amnesty president Jelena Gerga believes this is a cause worth of Amnesty's help.

"Turning the lights on in our dorm rooms is something that so many of us take for granted, and Dr. Grove's student hopes to bring an entire Rwandan city out of the dark," she said. "Kids will have light to do their homework. This promotes education, development and helping people which are ideals that Amnesty embraces."

Concertgoers will also have an opportunity to support Amnesty and their crusade to end the genocide in Darfur Region. Students will be able to write letters that will be sent to the Chinese government.

China is a major financial influence to the country of Sudan whose governments is responsible for the killing in the Darfur region. The letters written at Jamnesty will ask the president of China to pressure the Sudanese government to stop the killings.

The amphitheater will also house tables with other information and ways to become involved in Amnesty International and their many causes.

"Students should definitely come," said Gerga. "They can listen to some good music and learn about an important cause."

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Campus News

Fraternities, sororities compete in Greek Week

By Christina Alducka
Contributing writer

This week the college's tradition continues with the entertaining events of Greek Week.

From April 26-28, the five fraternities and five sororities on campus have been engaging in numerous competitions chosen by the forty-four members of the Greek Week committee. Senior chairs Roxanne Ierino and Barry Unis have been working diligently to make this a memorable week.

"We try to pick events that are both fun to participate in and fun to watch," Ierino said. Some of this year's activities include Greek Idol, ultimate Frisbee and two new events, the chipping competition and the climbing wall.

Members from each sorority and fraternity participate in every event and receive points based on their ranking. First place earns five points, second place earns three points and third place earns one point.

The committee strives to be as fair as possible when arranging the order of the participants as well as the pairing of the sororities and fraternities. Each team also has the same number of byes, and varsity athletes are limited.

Winners of the week are announced during Sing and Swing on Saturday night, along with the distribution of other awards like the Greek God and Goddess. Last year's Greek Week winners were Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

All week, many fraternal members have been partaking in Greek penny wars to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis. This particular event honors Claire Hartner, daughter of Kelly Hartner, who is the college's Enterprise Network Manager.

If you missed out on the events during the week, consider attending Sing and Swing on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. This dancing and singing competition became mandatory for all fraternities and sororities since the mid 1980's.

Each group is allotted five minutes to perform their routine to this year's theme, "Movie Soundtracks." Three judges, consisting of community and staff members will grade the acts based on certain categories such as chorography and dress.

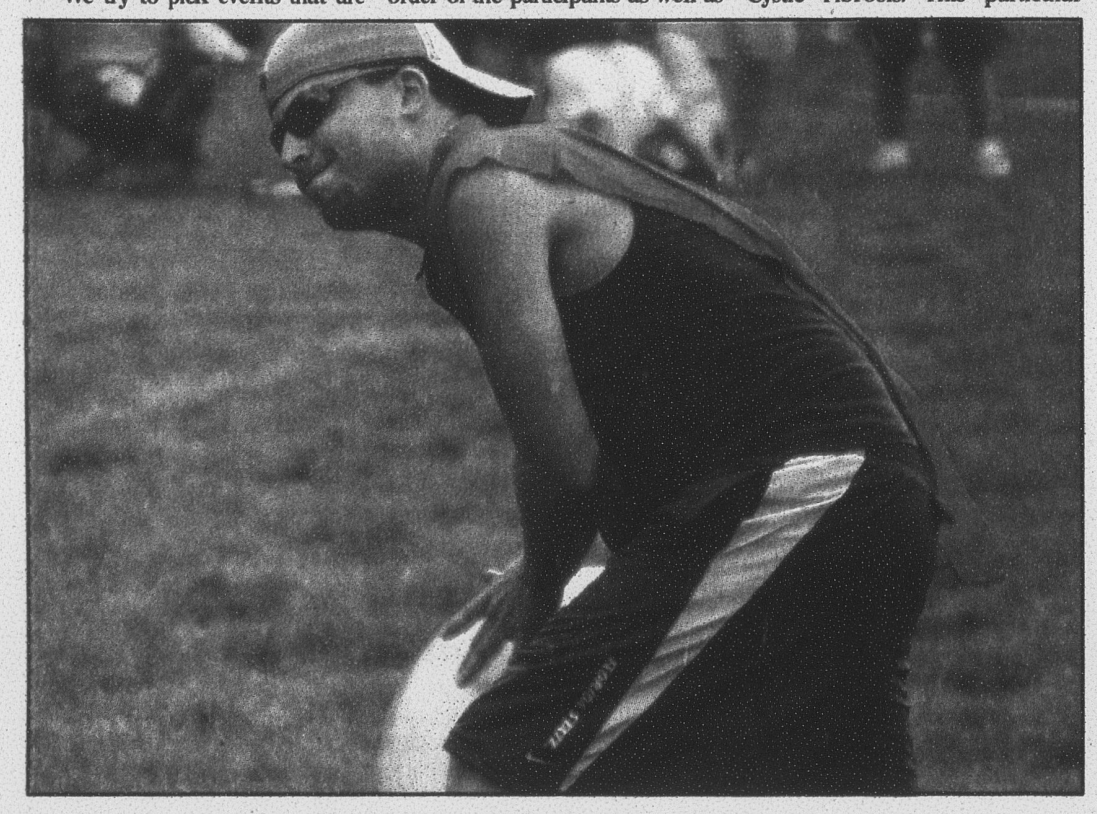
Scott Renninger, the advisor of the Inter Fraternal Council (IFC) has been dedicated fan of Sing and Swing since his first year working for the college in 1978. He admires the time and effort each team bestows on the event.

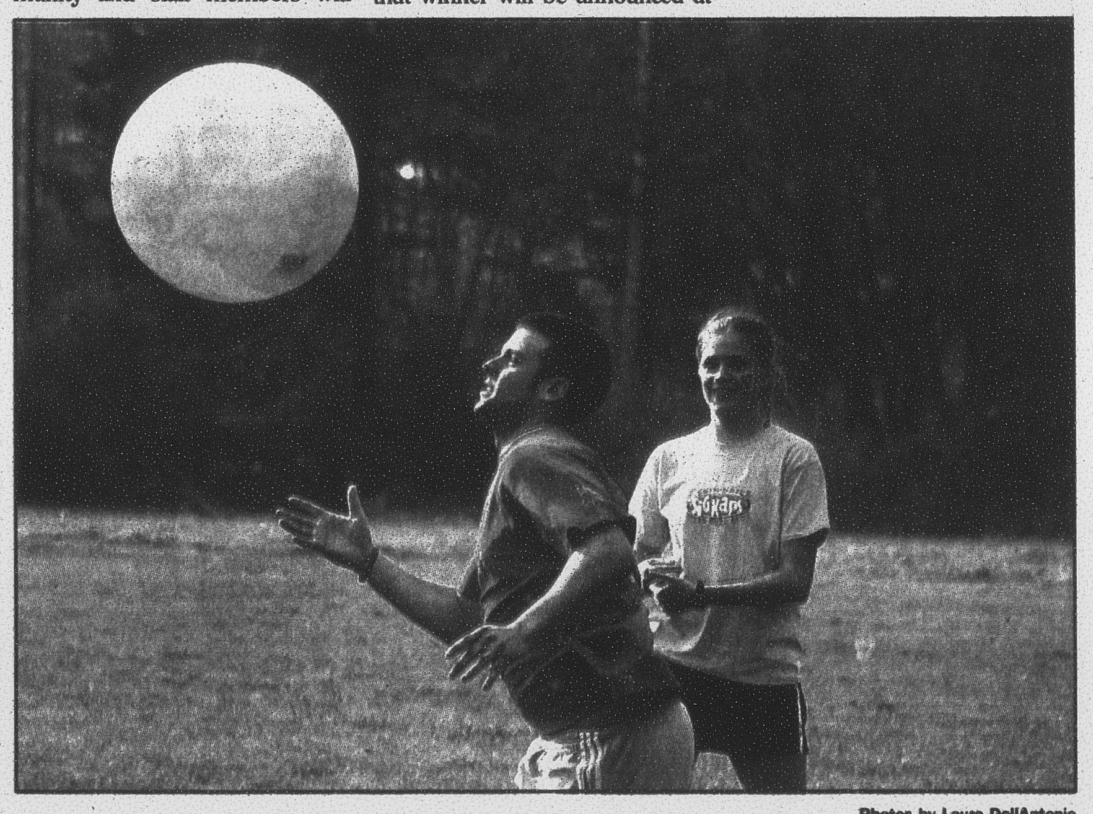
"Nobody loses; it's a great show," Renninger said.

Scores tallied from Sing and Swing are included separately from the other Greek events, and that winner will be announced at the end of the night. Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi captured first place at last year's show.

There is no cost to attend Sing and Swing; however refreshments will be sold in order to raise money for the children of 1991 graduate Rich Sentner and 1985 graduate Carolyn Lynch. Donations are also greatly appreciated.

Independents cannot participate in any of the events, but are encouraged to watch the activities throughout the week.





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Above, Greeks play kickball. Greek Week festivities conclude tomorrow, April 28, with Sing and Swing.

Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families in Mississippi

Eight-day trip to take place in late May

By Laura Henry
Campus writer

Habitat for Humanity will take an eight-day trip this summer to the Gulf Coast in Mississippi to help rebuild homes as well as lives.

Chapters of Habitat for Humanity have built homes for families in need since 1967. Rev. Jim Mohr, one of the adults attending the chapter's trip, hopes to have a similar experience to that of previous years and change the lives of many.

Last year Habitat for Humanity affected the lives of a grandmother, a single mother and children whose home had been destroyed by severe wind and flood damage in Ocean Springs, Miss.

The team was able to reconstruct the family's home while learning the craft of dry wall insulation and vinyl siding. By the time they were finished, the house was ready to be painted.

This year Habitat for Humanity team will be working with the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. Jackson County's chapter will provide dormitory type sleeping arrangements and instructions on how the members can assist. Habitat members do not know where they will be helping, who they will be helping or what they will be helping with, but they are simply excited to be helping. The team also hopes to visit Pearlington, New Orleans and Pascagoula to view the difference and progress that has taken place since last year's trip to the area.

"The Habitat for Humanity is a really wonderful organization on campus. It is good fellowship and an opportunity to make good friends," Rev. Mohr said. "Simply take a week out of your summer to really make a difference in someone's life."

Being a part of Habitat for Humanity not only affects the lives of the families who receive new homes, but it also affects the lives of the workers. It is a once in a lifetime experience that opens people's eyes, and it gives one hope to see so many people volunteering, according to Vice President Laura Sahar.

"I would encourage anyone to get involved. You learn a lot of great things, you meet a lot of great people and you make a very tangible difference in the lives of those you build houses for," Sahar said. "Having a house, especially one that is so affordable, which is the main goal of Habitat, really frees them up and allows them to focus on the more important areas of their lives."

Freshman Alex Davis will also be attending the trip to Mississippi. She has never been on a work trip before but has done other work with Habitat for Humanity and is very excited to lend a hand.

"I have been looking for an opportunity to help in a bigger way. I wanted to do something to help with the flood relief, and this has been my first opportunity to go," Davis said. "I am really excited to help since the problem is still going on. It isn't over even though people act like it is."

Habitat for Humanity will leave for Mississippi on Saturday, May 19, and will arrive back home on Sunday, May 27.

All are encouraged to take part in Habitat for Humanity; however, only the first ten people to sign up will be able to attend this year's trip.

This organization has changed the lives of many, not only in Mississippi, but also here on campus and in the local community.

Dodd crowned "Miss Titan"

Representatives:
Phi Mu --- *Erik Chesney*
Alpha Sigma Phi --- *Brice Lott*
Alpha Phi Omega --- *PJ Thomas*
Kappa Delta --- *John Buco*
Sigma Phi Epsilon --- *Travis Bieda*
Tri Beta --- *Zach Weber*
Zeta Tau Alpha --- *Ryan Dush*
Sigma Kappa --- *Charlie Bigelow*
Phi Kappa Tau --- *Stefan Schneider*
Theta Chi --- *Nate Dodd*
Alpha Gamma Delta --- *Steve Hogya*
Sigma Nu --- *Jason Discello*

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

By Mandie Zoller
Campus writer

Sigma Kappa's "Miss Titan" was held on Wednesday, Apr. 25 in Orr Auditorium. Male contestants from 12 different Greek organizations on campus participated in this annual event.

Miss Titan is an event held the Wednesday of Greek Week every year. To register a male to represent a certain organization, a flat donation is required. Proceeds benefit the Sigma Kappa Foundation which supports Alzheimer's Research.

"Miss Titan is always a great time," said the president of Sigma Kappa, Sam Leipheimer. "We love watching the men of Westminster become very attractive ladies!"

The men modeled party, formal, and swimwear for this event. There was a question and answer section to the event and Dance Theater entertained the audience with performances during intermissions. After each outfit was modeled, five finalists were chosen.

"The guys who participate get really involved," said Leipheimer. "Last year we even had a cat-fight on stage! Boys will be boys...well, girls...whatever!"

The finalists were given 30 seconds to give their best dance performance and the winner was chosen by members of Sodexho. The reigning Miss Titan was Gene Cunningham. The winner, Theta Chi representative Nate Dodd, was crowned Miss Titan, while all participants received a T-shirt for participating.

The sisters of Sigma Kappa escorted, announced, and planned for this event. Ashley Carnahan was this years Foundations Chair for Sigma Kappa and organized the entire night.

"It's nice having support from so many organizations," said Carnahan. "My committee and my sisters have been absolutely amazing in helping me organize Miss Titan this year."

Carnahan organized a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction that was held during Miss Titan. A special guest was also booked for the event. Scooter's son, TJ Renninger, appeared dressed as a woman, mimicking his father in this year's Miss Titan.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 64°	High 64°	High 64°	High 74°	High 75°	High 69°	High 67°
Low 41°	Low 41°	Low 46°	Low 52°	Low 52°	Low 49°	Low 49°
A thunderstorm in the area	Mostly cloudy with a shower	Times of clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny, breezy, warm	An afternoon t-storm possible	Mostly cloudy	More clouds than sun

Weather History

On April 27, 1928, winter returned briefly to Bayard, W.Va. Over 34 inches of snow fell in 24 hours, West Virginia's heaviest April snowfall ever.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	64	42	pc	60	44	c	65	48	pc	70	53	pc	75	53	pc
Butler, PA	64	43	pc	64	41	c	66	45	pc	72	51	pc	74	52	pc
Cambridge, OH	64	43	pc	69	43	pc	69	46	pc	73	52	pc	81	55	pc
Canton, OH	64	43	pc	65	44	c	66	47	pc	70	53	pc	79	54	pc
Cincinnati, OH	66	45	pc	71	48	pc	70	52	pc	80	57	s	81	58	pc
Clarion, PA	64	42	pc	64	42	c	63	46	pc	70	50	pc	70	51	pc
Clarksburg, WV	68	49	pc	66	43	pc	67	48	pc	76	53	pc	85	56	pc
Cleveland, OH	62	45	pc	60	45	c	66	50	pc	70	55	pc	73	53	pc
Columbus, OH	64	44	pc	67	48	pc	70	51	pc	75	56	pc	82	56	pc
Cumberland, MD	64	45	c	70	44	pc	67	47	pc	71	53	pc	80	54	pc
Erie, PA	62	44	sh	57	42	c	60	48	pc	67	51	pc	64	49	pc
Franklin, PA	64	42	pc	63	41	c	64	46	pc	69	49	pc	70	51	pc
Greensburg, PA	64	44	c	67	46	c	66	48	pc	73	54	pc	78	55	pc

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Greenville, PA	64	42	pc	63	41	c	65	46	pc	70	52	pc	71	51	pc
Grove City, PA	64	41	po	66	41	c	65	45	pc	71	50	pc	73	52	pc
Hagerstown, MD	70	51	t	68	46	pc	67	49	pc	82	56	pc	81	55	pc
Indiana, PA	64	48	c	61	42	c	65	45	pc	71	52	pc	72	52	pc
Jamestown, NY	60	44	c	54	40	c	58	44	pc	64	48	pc	61	49	pc
Kittanning, PA	64	42	pc	65	42	c	66	46	pc	72	52	pc	75	53	pc
Lisbon, OH	64	42	pc	66	43	c	66	48	pc	71	54	pc	74	53	pc
Mansfield, OH	64	42	pc	65	46	pc	65	48	pc	71	55	pc	80	52	pc
Marietta, OH	68	45	pc	71	45	pc	71	48	pc	76	52	pc	83	56	pc
McKeesport, PA	67	45	pc	68	48	c	66	50	pc	73	55	pc	79	55	pc
Meadville, PA	62	45	c	57	42	c	64	48	pc	68	50	pc	68	51	pc
Morgantown, WV	68	48	pc	64	45	pc	67	49	pc	76	54	pc	82	56	pc
New Castle, PA	64	42	pc	66	42	c	64	46	pc	74	52	pc	75	53	pc

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
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Pittsburgh, PA	67	46	pc	64	44	c	68	47	pc	76	54	pc	82	54	pc
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Washington, PA	67	46	pc	65	40	c	67	44	pc	74	48	pc	79	51	pc
Waynesburg, PA	67	46	pc	68	42	c	66	46	pc	75	50	pc	80	53	pc
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Wooster, OH	62	42	pc	64	43	c	65	47	pc	71	52	pc	78	54	pc
Zanesville, OH	64	46	pc	67	43	pc	69	47	pc	72	52	pc	81	55	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Softball team breaks 20 wins

Lady Titans sweep two doubleheaders from Waynesburg, Thiel

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

The Lady Titans captured their fourth win in the past week on Tues., April 24 by defeating Thiel in both games of a doubleheader.

The Lady Titans played two doubleheaders this past week, taking on both Waynesburg and Thiel and sweeping them all. The Lady Titan's were able add those four wins to their record improving it to 20-10 and 9-1 in the PAC.

On Sat., April 21, the Lady Titans were able to defeat Waynesburg in both games with scores of 2-0 and 9-1 respectively.

"We played really well during both games, coming out on top just like we wanted to," senior Jennifer Pancake said.

Pancake pitched the entire first game as a one-hitter while having no walks and one strike out. The ladies scored their two runs in the first inning when freshman Jennifer Emery hit an RBI double scoring senior Kristin Zyskowski, who also scored on an single from Amy Cornicelli later in the inning.

Emery pitched six innings in the second game, giving up one run with five hits, but having no walks and five strikeouts. Both Emery and Cornicelli went two for four each having three RBI while all the Titan's top five batters had 2 hit's a piece.

The Lady Titans had their second doubleheader on Tuesday, April 24, against Thiel. The Ladies battled in both games to claim victory with a score of 7-1 in the first game and 13-1 in the second.

Pancake pitched the entire first game giving up one run and three hits while having no walks and three strikeouts. Pancake was also strong on the other side of the game, as she hit her eighth homerun for the season. That scored Emery, who had previously hit a double. Pancake ended up 2 for 3 with three RBI and two runs scored. Emery was 3 for 4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Emery pitched the entire second game giving up only one run and five hits having one walk and two strikeouts. Both Maria Joseph and Heather Gurgiolo went 3 for 4, while Gurgiolo had two homeruns.

"I thought we played well," Joseph said. "But we're still working hard to get where we want to be in the next few weeks."

Winning this game gave the Lady Titans their twentieth win of the season. This is the fifteenth season that the Ladies have broke twenty wins in a season. The Lady Titans plan to keep winning and trying hard to get there.

"We know that, in order to win, we need to keep working together and helping each other out when needed," said Cornicelli.

On Saturday, April 28, at 1:00, the Lady Titans will be traveling to Thomas More with high hopes to claim yet another victory in PAC play.

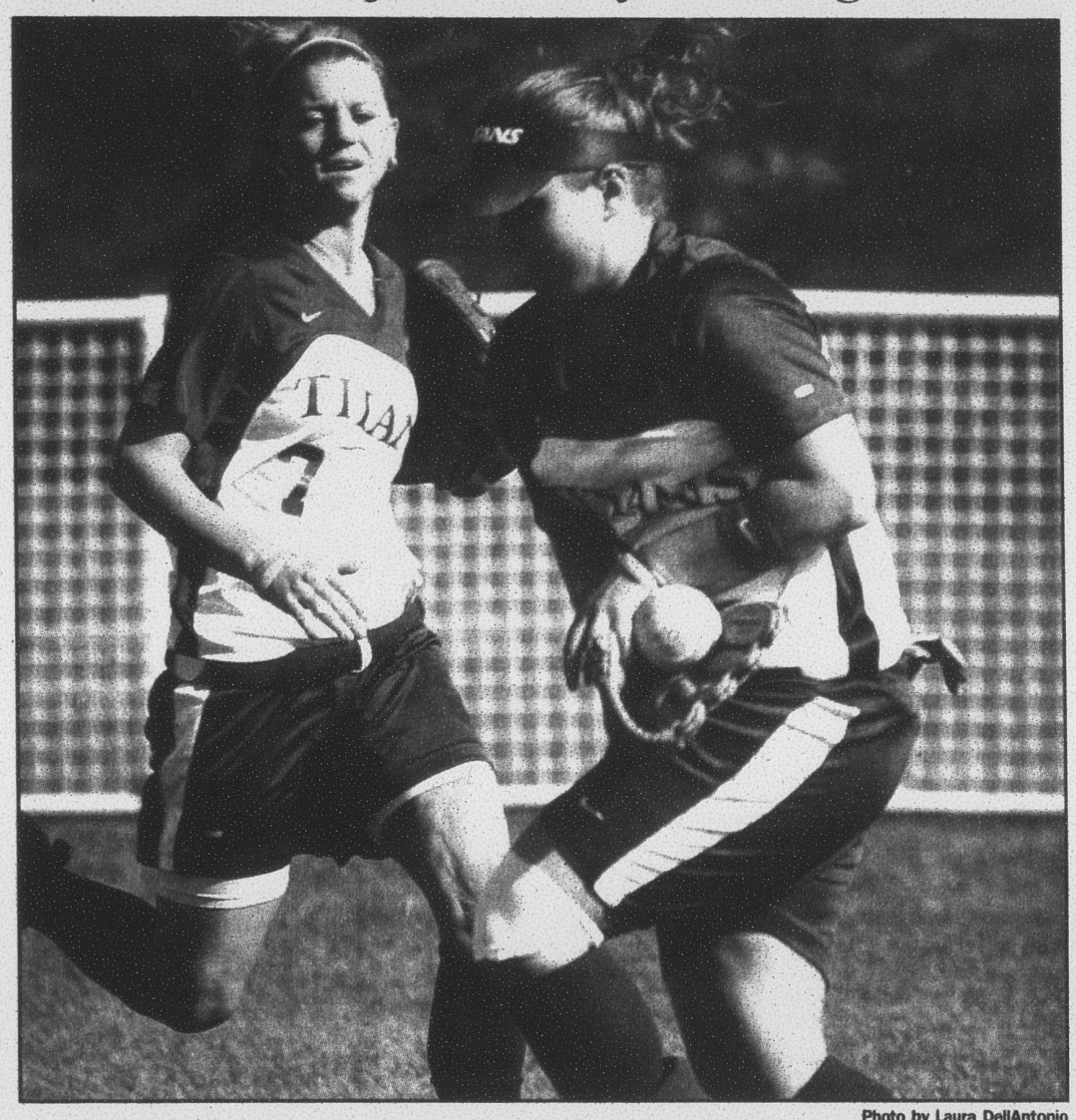

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior outfielder Kristin Zyskowski catches a fly ball as freshman Addie Parker runs over to assist in the doubleheader wins against Thiel College on April 24. The Lady Titans improved their record to 20-10 and 9-1 in the PAC.

Men's tennis can't match up against Grove City

By Bob Long
Sports writer

On Sat., April 21, the Westminster men's tennis team took part in the PAC tournament at the Pennbriar Athletic Club in Erie.

In spite of a 1-4 record in the PAC and a 3-9 overall record, Westminster was not down and out as they pulled off a second place finish.

The Titans piled up 22 points in the PAC tournament, leaving them 30 points behind the Grove City tennis powerhouse.

For the 17th consecutive season, the Wolverines can bask in the glory of winning the league crown.

While Grove City played in nearly perfect during the weekend Westminster still managed to have a powerful showing for a young team.

Though Gene Cunningham lost in the first round of number 1 play, the lower end of the Westminster line up played extremely well.

Out of the 9 games played, 6 of which were singles and 3 doubles, Westminster showed themselves for one of the few times this season.

The Titans scored 2nd place finishes and one 3rd place in singles matches to go with a 3rd place in doubles.

The 3rd place finish was in the number 3 slot by Fred Romeo. Romeo won his opening match 6-2 and 6-0 over Waynesburg's Drew Slater.

He next lost to the number 2 seated player in his bracket 6-1 and 6-3 before he won his last match to secure a 3rd place finish.

Both Westminster freshmen Josh Drabick and Scott Lawrence finished their bracket in 2nd place. Drabick lost in the championship to Jeremy Dwyer of Grove City 6-0 and 6-0. Scott Lawrence lost to undefeated Bill Derocha of Grove City 6-1 and 6-2. Drabick was playing in the fifth spot and Lawrence in the 6th.

The team of Gene Cunningham and Stefan Hadricky finished 4th in first doubles but, were not the only doubles team to place fourth, as Dusty Rhodes and Fred Romeo placed fourth in the 2 doubles as well.

The freshmen were at it again as the third doubles Mark Drabick and Scott Lawrence team up to win match number 1 8-2. They then played the number 1 seated team out of Grove City who won 8-3, forcing the Titans to play for 3rd place. Drabick and Lawrence went on to place 3rd by a score or 8-5.

Junior Gene Cunningham noted the high point of the season - the team's spring trip.

"Our spring trip was very helpful to our game because we competed against great teams so it really prepared us for the teams in our conference," Cunningham said. "The key to next season will be a lot of practicing and working on trouble areas in each individual's game".

With that said, the Titans head into the off-season with a renewed vigor and the pride of placing 2nd in the PAC tournament.

Track teams host, win at invitational

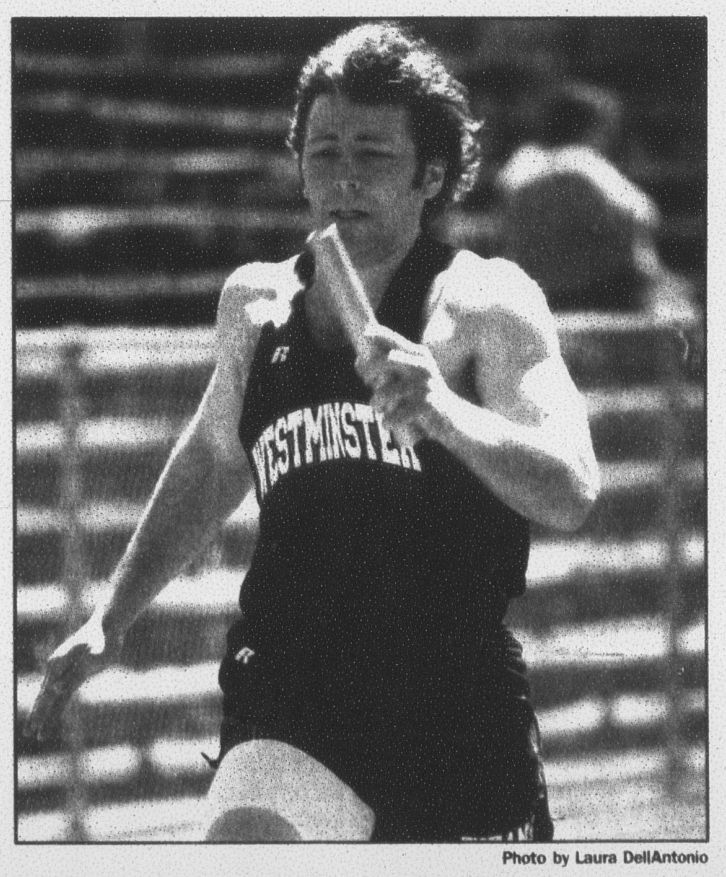

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Freshman Lynn Riley tied for eighth place in the pole vault and senior Scott Davenport ran the second leg for the men's 4X100m relay teamin the Westminster Invitational for track and field on April 21.

Golf teams to compete against W & J

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The women's golf team is in second place after the first day of the 2007 PAC Women's Golf Championships on Tuesday, April 24. The Lady Titans shot a 400 in the first round at the Oak Tree Country Club in West Middlesex and trail first-place Washington & Jefferson by 64 strokes heading into Wednesday's final round.

Three Titans make up the Top 10 overall leader board, including senior Kelly Spisak with a fourth-place round total of 90. Juniors Danielle Adams and Emilee Ackerman are in eighth and ninth place, after shooting a 101 and 102.

Due to the weather, the rest of the PAC tournament was cancelled on Wednesday, and they will now determine the final scores by the Tuesday's scores. The Lady Titans will travel to the Southpointe Invitational to compete against Washington & Jefferson on Monday, April 30.

The men's golf team competed in the 2007 PACs championship on Thursday, April 26; the final scores have not yet been released. The men's team will travel to the Washington & Jefferson invitational on Sunday, April 29.

SAAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kushner

Westminster College sophomore Katelyn Kushner, a member of the women's track and field team, has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Kushner was a part of three school records in two home meets last week. She won the 400-meter hurdles on Wednesday with a time of 1:06.08.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Pens lose, but overachieve

Listen to he whose Texas sized mullet sits on the head of his Canadian cranium.

When Barry Melrose predicted our beloved Pens would be slain at the hands of the Sens pre-playoffs, my heart immediately went to battle with my head. My heart wanted to believe, but my head knew Mr. Melrose is rarely wrong when dissecting the anomaly where number eight seeds humble number ones with stunning regularity; the anomaly that is the NHL playoffs.

Although a first round exit in which the Penguins played as poorly as the likes of the Cleveland Browns in the NFL is disheartening, I would be remiss if I did not stop to reflect on what the NHL's most up-and-coming team did accomplish this year.

People said that 70 points would be a success, that Sir Sidney, Geno, and Jordan were too young, that Mark Recchi and Gary Roberts were too old, and that "Penguins" did not belong in the same sentence as "postseason." 105 points, Sidney Crosby leading the NHL in scoring and accompanied by the fine play of Malkin and Staal, Mark Recchi providing leadership, Gary Roberts having one of the best opening series of anyone in the NHL, and the Penguins young stars earning necessary playoff experience later, it is safe to say that the Penguins have laid all the doubts to rest and achieved far more than even the most diehard of fans could have expected.

That being said, the Penguins have given me far more to talk about than I ever imagined at the start of the season. For their efforts and achievements, I would like to acknowledge and credit the Penguins for a fine season and hope for many more to come.

Aside from the NHL, the NBA has also started its playoffs. Sorry for wasting space, because I do not care either. However, I did hear one interesting rumor regarding the NBA. Someone noted that in playoff games there is far less scoring than regular season games. Then I thought to myself, "Call me crazy, but isn't it illegal, or some type of a foul, to play defense in the NBA until mid-April?" Yeah, I did not think I was going crazy.

Turning my attention to the MLB, I thought I better make note of something because just like playing defense is illegal in the NBA, I thought the MLB had some type of Steroid testing policy that prohibited any team in pinstripes from being last place in their respective division.

Almost as disappointed as I was when the Pens laid down to Ottawa in Game 5, I was nearly that excited to see that the evil empire, more commonly known as the New York Yankees, sat dead last in the AL East more than 20 games into the season. As extraordinary as A-Rod has been to start the season, the Yanks are proving an age old myth that pitching is what wins in Major League Baseball.

Speaking of pitching and talking about anomalies, I had to look twice when I saw that a Pirates starter, Paul Maholm, threw a complete game shutout of the Houston Astros to keep the Pirates out of the basement. Just think if the Pirates pitchers continue to throw well, one of them will likely wear pinstripes as the Yankees will do what nearly every big market baseball team does to the Pirates; pay players money the Pirates cannot and show that the Pittsburgh Pirates truly provide MLB teams with more talent than any minor league farm club.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Hopkins, Gosling can't fill *Fracture*'s cracks

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

In his latest film, Anthony Hopkins tells a story to a lawyer, Willie Beachum, about how he grew up on a dairy farm and would hold the chicken eggs up to a light in order to find imperfections. His father would give him this task in the hope of weeding out the bad eggs, literally, but his father would find that his son found an imperfection with every single egg, because according to Hopkins, everything has a weak spot: it's only a matter of finding it.

This concept of weak spots and imperfections is clever for the movie *Fracture*, but the problem is that the film has more than a few weak spots of its own. Hopkins is Ted Crawford, a wealthy aeronautics genius who has a fondness for sports cars, but is not quite as fond of the fact that his wife is having an affair with an LAPD detective.

Since everything Crawford does is engineered and crafted to perfection (his cunning intellect echoes that of Hannibal Lecter; another Hopkins performance), he plans a brilliant murder of his adulteress wife. He shoots her straight in the head and allows the police to catch him at the scene of the crime, and it is not coincidental that his wife's lover is the detective that arrives on scene.

Meanwhile, prosecutor Willie Beachum, played very well by Ryan Gosling, is on his way out of the low-paying public service lawyering and moving on to the big money at a corporate firm. With one week before his new job starts, Beachum figures that he can wrap up one more easy case before he moves on to bigger and better things. For a prosecutor, nothing can be easier than a signed confession and a gun in the hand of the assailant at the scene of the crime.

However, this is only about 15 minutes into the movie, so it can't be this easy. In fact, the gun retrieved from the scene has never been fired, and the bullet shells fired have no trace of gunpowder.

In addition, the confession is thrown out as evidence for various reasons, and Beachum is left with a smirking Crawford and a bruised ego. In addition, Crawford's wife is not dead but in a coma, so it's not very likely she will be identifying her attacker. Beachum now has the impossible task of trying to convict Crawford on thin evidence.

Hopkins does his job as the clever antagonist well; he's done it before in *Silence of the Lambs*. He is an extraordinary actor, but we've seen this performance before. As for Gosling, he does well handling many of the scenes himself, but the role of selfish-lawyer-turned-good has also been done – at least there aren't any preachy courtroom scenes to add to the cliché.

Between Crawford and Beachum trying to outsmart each other, and always outsmarting the audience, the rest of the film fails to hold any interest. The plot is weak, along with the sideline of Beachum's attempted romance with his new boss.

There is nothing keeping the glass from cracking all the way through in this film; it is basically scenes of Crawford being intelligent and Beachum being clever pasted together with a weak shell of a storyline. Overall, *Fracture* doesn't hold up.

Rating: C

Source: popmatters.com

Gosling as Willie Beachem questions Hopkins' Hannibal-esque Ted Crawford about his wife's shooting.

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Television review

Dancing with the Stars, Desperate Housewives sizzle on TV

By Liz Suders
Staff writer

Dancing with the Stars
Mondays 8:00 p.m., ABC

This week, the couples performed two dances, a swing dance that was also the group dance and one of their choice. The show goes relatively smoothly, much unlike the result show.

During the results show Joss Stone performed and so did the Broadway cast of Dreamgirls. The results in: Heather Mills is gone! Talk about an uproar of applause for someone leaving; this chick makes Debbie Downer seem optimistic.

In the end, Heather finds a way to blame Carrie (one of the judges) for getting her kicked off. Right Heather, you getting kicked off had nothing to with the fact that you have zero grace or poise or the fact that America hates you for being horrible to Paul McCartney. My advice to Heather? Let it be.

Desperate Housewives
Sundays 9:00 p.m., ABC

This week on *Desperate Housewives*, the power goes out. I have a theory that every show at some point has to have a show with a power outage. Writers we get it, the power goes out and people go crazy!

Gabby and Victor are caught in a elevator during the power outage. He proposes, she says girls just want to have fun, they do and they conveniently don't see the video camera that is the size of an infants head taking video and stills of them in the act, funny how things work out for a plot!

A hotel security worker then attempts to blackmail Victor with the pictures but Gabby intercepts them first and of course tackles the guy and starts beating him violently. Lucky for him, a police car was driving past at that exact moment. The police arrest the blackmailer, not Gabby, but she has to hand over the pictures if she wants him charged.

With the power going out, Mrs. McClusky is worried because, alas she's storing a dead body in her basement freezer. Funny all I have in mine is Eggo Waffles, but to each their own. As she's checking on the dead body (which we can only imagine is her husband) she falls *up* the stairs, and has to go to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Edie and Carlos are shacking up, all over town! After a close call with Mike almost catching them, Edie decides to put her real estate listings to use.

There's an overdone montage of them hopping into all sorts of different beds, including a race car bed, thank you ABC for that I'll never look at mine the same way again. A fellow realtor catches Edie and Carlos in the act, and Edie gets mad at Carlos because she knows he won't come forward about them because he still loves Gabby, (big surprise).

Not much goes on at the Scavos' besides Tom sitting on his hospital bed because he threw out his back and the usual, Lynette running herself ragged because of her stubborn husband. The power outage causes panic at the pizzeria because their ovens work off of electricity.

Luckily, the stovetop is gas and Rick, the hot new chef, is a culinary master who learned his trade in Italy. Lynette learns she can charge an arm and leg for the dish and disregards Tom's wishes to only serve pizza.

This back and forth goes the entire show, exciting right? Rick hits on Lynette and asks her if she wears her hair down often, because it's beautiful.

Even less is happening with Susan besides the horrible decision of which guy to pick as well as wedding plans. In a very obvious simile the wedding planner asks Susan to choose a wedding cake, American white with buttercream icing , a.k.a. Mike, the hottest plumber I've ever seen, or a rich toffee fondant cake, Ian. Decisions, decisions – I almost pity her.

The pictures spark a press conference because the pictures are unlike Victor's "family values" campaign. Just as he's being swallowed by the press Gabby steps forward and says right before the pictures were taken Victor proposed, and she accepted, and their actions were strictly heat of the moment expression of their love (how sweet).

Carlos sees the press conference and Edie comes over to what can pretty safely be assumed to rub it in his face. They start kissing, and then Mike walks in.

Mrs. McClusky is arrested after a neighbor walks and smells rotting flesh.

The show ends with Lynette leaving for the pizzeria, with her hair down. My advice to Lynette is don't pick up an affair unless you start taking Aderol, you just don't have the time for it.

Music review

Anberlin: opening band to headliners

By Chris Lehberger
Contributing writer

Since their 2003 Tooth & Nail release *Blueprints for the Black Market*, the five-piece powerhouse Anberlin has gone from being just another opening band to a headliner, selling out venue after venue.

I remember seeing Anberlin for the first time briefly after the release of *Blueprints* while they were on tour with Relient K. To be completely honest, they did not strike me as anything special. Little did I know then that years down the road they would become my favorite band ever.

Now, four years later, Anberlin is one of the hottest bands on the scene. After releasing their 2005 smash-hit *Never Take Friendship Personal* and touring with bands such as Yellowcard and Hawthorne Heights, Anberlin has outdone themselves again. Selling 40,000 units in its first week and debuting at #19 on the Billboard Top 200, their third full-length LP, *Cities*, sets a new industry standard.

Many rock bands in the genre today are often accused of using the same boring hooks and vocal lines stolen from their favorite Underoath and Blink-182 albums. However, in the making of *Cities*, Anberlin draws much of their influence from bands such as Sunny Day Real Estate, The Smiths and Sigur Ros. The result is an album full of original and unique songs: some soft, some loud and some huge.

The album opens with an ethereal introduction entitled "Debut," which creates a proper entrance into the fast-hitting "Godspeed". Out of all the songs on the album, "Godspeed" is the most similar to those on *Friendship*. Nevertheless, the song still shows a certain maturity the band has developed since then. From there, the album goes into "Adelaide," a catchy hook-laden track with an impressive showing of vocals by Anberlin's front man, Stephen Christian.

The next song, "A Whisper and A Clamor,"opens with a synthesizer, something brand new for Anberlin and a big player on *Cities*, then transitions into another extremely catchy chorus, an element that was not showcased as much on *Friendship*. "The Unwinding Cable Car" is yet another departure from the norm for Anberlin. Although their last two discs have featured slow and mellow songs, none compare to "Cable Car," which sounds like a combination of Copeland and Death Cab for Cutie.

Of all 12 songs on the disc, the last two are by far my favorite. "Dismantle Repair" is nothing short of huge. With Stephen Christian's soaring vocals and Joseph Milligan's gigantic guitar coupled with the big beats of 19-year-old Nathan Young, "Dismantle" is a song like nothing else ever heard from Anberlin, or anyone else for that matter.

"Fin," the last song on *Cities*, is somewhat similar to "Dismantle" in the fact that the only word that can describe it is "big." A whopping eight minutes long, "Fin" is the perfect ending for *Cities*, complete with a children's chorus and all.

Anberlin is coming to play at VolleyRock next Friday, May 4, and I would encourage everyone to come. I have seen Anberlin twice since that first time four years ago and have yet to be disappointed. If you have a VolleyRock wristband, entry is free. If you do not, tickets are only $10. What do you have to lose?

Book review

Pledged gives insight into Greek lifestyle

By Liz Suders
Staff writer

Alexandra Robbins takes readers inside the bubble in *Pledged*. *Pledged*, a non-fiction exposé on the secret life of sorority's reads as a well-written novel.

The book allows readers to feel for the four girls Robbins shadowed. Her words take you directly into their lives exposing their most personal feelings. The book shows a year in the life of a sorority girl from moving in to moving out.

The book can put anyone on edge as you see the trials and tribulations unfold. After reading the book I felt proud to be in my Greek letters, knowing that I will never put a pledge through the humiliations these girls put their pledges through.

Coming from the perspective of a Greek-affiliated woman I found the actions of the members shocking and disturbing. Since there is absolutely no hazing on this campus, I was horrified by the lengths girls down south will go to just to get an invitation to preference night, let alone during their pledging process.

The book will make you proud of the Greek system on campus even if you are an independent. It forces you to open your eyes to how stupid and trivial the hazing part of the pledging process is. Demeaning girls does not help a girl learn about her sorority, nor does it make founders proud.

I recommend this book not only for students who are curious, but for parents who are concerned about Greek life or professors for a gender studies course.

Calendar

April 27, 2007

Preschool Lab Celebrates Week of the Young Child

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

ARBOR DAY

Men's Golf at PAC Championships

GREEK WEEK

11:40 AM Biology Seminar -- Phillips Lecture Hall

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:15 PM Eta Sigma Phi Meeting -- MCC 255

6:00 PM Senior Art Gallery Reception -- Patterson Hal Art Gallery

8:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Alyssa Schomaker -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: DREAMGIRLS -- MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Apocalypto -- MCC Mueller Theater

April 28, 2007

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

Men's and Women's Track and Field at PAC Championships

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Undergrad Research Conference -- MCC Mueller Theater and 255

11:00 AM Spring Honors Convocation -- Orr Auditorium

12:30 PM Spring Honors Convocation Luncheon -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms and Carlson Atrium

1:00 PM Softball at Thomas More

1:00 PM Baseball vs. Saint Vincent (H)

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Apocalypto -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Sing 'n' Swing -- Orr Auditorium

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: DREAMGIRLS -- MCC Mueller Theater

April 29, 2007

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Adopt-A-Highway Litter Cleanup -- Meet at Info Desk

1:00 PM Baseball at Saint Vincent

3:00 PM Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: DREAMGIRLS -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Christy Memorial Lecture: Adam Gould, "Finding Hope in Brokenness" -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Apocalypto -- MCC Mueller Theater

April 30, 2007

Reminder: FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Meeting -- MCC 255

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:00 PM Softball vs. Geneva (H)

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Broadcast Communications Capstone Presentations -- MCC Mueller Theater

5:30 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213

7:30 PM Junior Piano Recital: Sheila Barnhart -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

May 1, 2007

Deadline for Filing FAFSA Form

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM Department Chairs' Meeting -- Old Main 213

5:00 PM SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Recruitment Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM PRSSA Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 314

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

6:00 PM Coast to Coast For a Cure Silent Auction -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

6:20 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting -- Patterson 311

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson Hall 112

7:30 PM Salzedo Harp Duo: Jody Guinn and Nancy Lendrim -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

May 2, 2007

Zeta Tau Alpha Sponsors Pink Out Day

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

11:45 AM Faculty Forum -- Deb Mitchell and Betsy Ford, "Filming the Lives of Queens: Hollywood and the Royal Biopics" -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting -- MCC 352

4:30 PM Sigma Delta Pi Initiation -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

5:00 PM BSU Annual Recognition Dinner -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting -- MCC 352

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM BSU Meeting -- MCC 255

8:00 PM Allies Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting -- MCC Club and Lounge

May 3, 2007

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Students' Cluster Documentaries -- MCC Mueller Theater

12:45 PM IFC Meeting -- MCC Club

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting -- MCC 255

4:30 PM Preschool Lab Early Learning Task Force -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting -- Patterson 231

5:30 PM International Cultures Club -- Thompson-Clark 210

7:00 PM Heinz Lecture -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM College Republicans' Deal or No Deal -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

9:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): It takes a variety of input from others to get a clear and complete picture. Consider incorporating the unconventional ideas of a co-worker or colleague into your plans.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your current financial activities will to lead to fiscal improvement. Stay on the path of prosperity and avoid speculating or wasting your hard-earned cash.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Stand tall, be yourself and don't be concerned about what other people might think. Win them over to your side with confidence and a strong sense of purpose.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Block out distractions and concentrate on turning your dreams into a splendid reality. Apply creative visualization, uncompromising faith and hard work.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Offer your closest friends and associates the gift of your guidance and support. For all that you are willing to give; you shall be rewarded in grand style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Success is yours for the asking. Do not hesitate to step up to the challenge and seize an opportunity for professional achievements and recognition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): It is OK to welcome the opinions of others without feeling threatened or outsmarted. Face up to the fact that you do not have all of the answers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Count on your inner strength and emotional experience to guide you through a tough dilemma. Get quiet, go within and uncover a peaceful resolution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Do not make the mistake of taking your loved ones for granted. Show them your appreciation with a shower of gifts, kind words or attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Accept the truth that money does not grow on trees. Adjust your schedule and be prepared to work hard for the material things that you want or need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Socializing does a lot to lift your spirits and improve your mood. Get together with friends that are willing and capable of showing you a good time.

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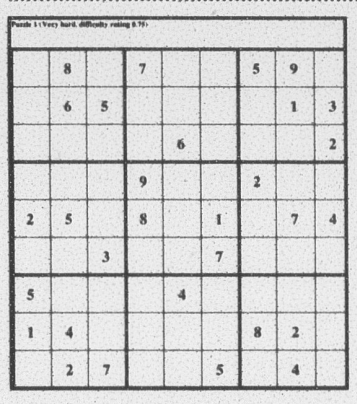
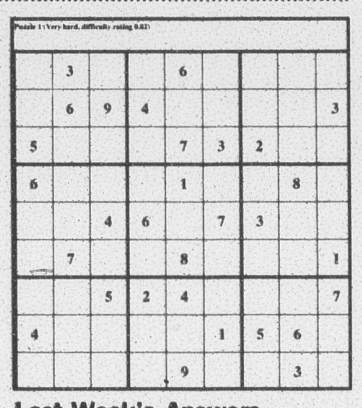
Sudoku!





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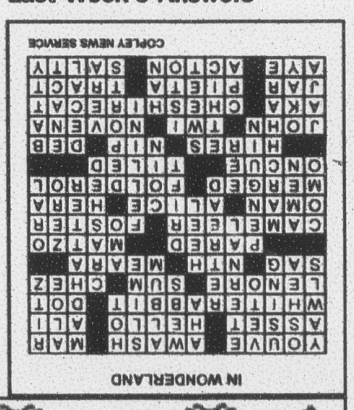

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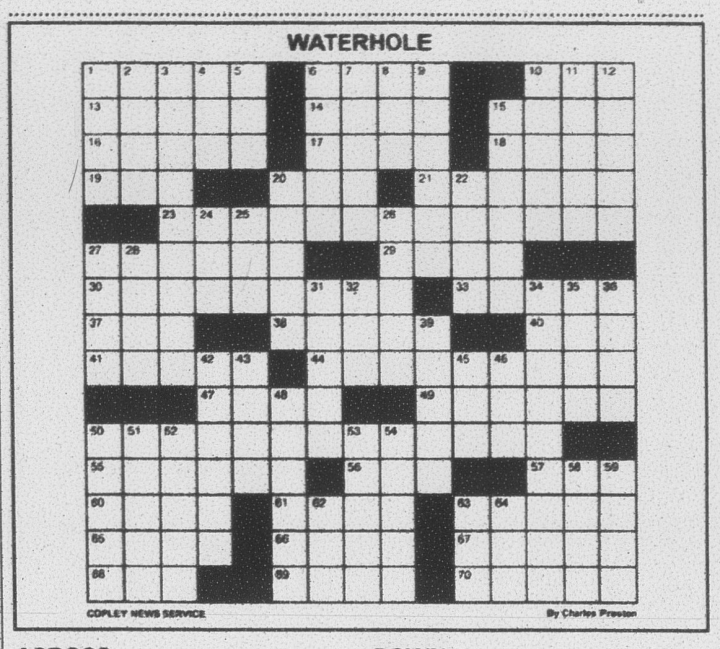

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6 Dental exam?
10 May celebrant
13 AWOL part
14 Back of the neck
15 Window component
16 Expert
17 Conception
18 Flag fabricator
19 Wanted poster abbreviation
20 Taro product
21 Cubic meters
23 Waco institution
27 Instigate
29 Blue pencil
30 Better part
33 Vigor
37 Poetic contraction
38 Fabricators
40 Exist
41 Steel plow pioneer
44 Sporting dog
47 Red leader
49 Assumed name
50 Holiday card message
55 Accolade
56 Pianist Cliburn
57 Circle part
60 Spills the beans
61 Brad
63 Bay window
65 French state
66 Wait for the green
67 Oklahoma city
68 Sniggler's prey
69 Publisher Canfield
70 Irritable

DOWN

1 Soprano Gluck
2 Plumber's pursuit
3 Pendant
4 Holiday forerunner
5 Craving
6 Leek cousin
7 Two make a diameter
8 Simian
9 Took the pad
10 New Zealand native
11 Beginning
12 Unkempt
15 It's faster than allegro
20 Relating to an insect stage
22 Tinkers, Evers and Chance
24 Mine find
25 Robot drama
26 Swerves
27 Turned on the radar?
28 Geneological chart
31 Extended family member
32 Freeway filler
34 Schooners' features
35 Object of lion's pursuit
36 Tiller
39 Iberia component
42 Fight back
43 Units of work
45 Miller or Jillian
46 Egg drink
48 Conciliatory
50 Binge
51 Deliver an impassioned speech
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58 What's left over
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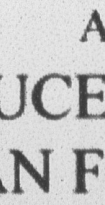

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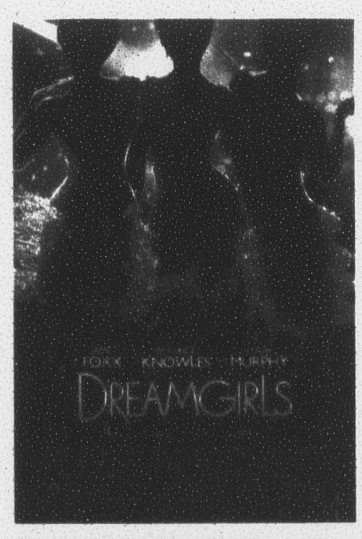

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Apocalypto"

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

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Features

Is it just me?

Are we forgetting the real stories in the Virginia Tech tragedy?

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Monday April 16, 2007 is a day that will not be soon forgotten. We have all heard and been affected by the tragic event that happened at Virginia Tech University. That morning a gunman shot and killed 32 people consisting of students and faculty, before turning the gun on himself.

Many were confused as to why this young man would commit such a horrible crime; there were many people who were wondering what his motives were, if any. Those questions were soon "kind of" answered when a package arrived at the NBC news station. The gunman had taken time, after shooting his first two victims to record a video, write a letter, and mail the package to the station.

That day there were clips of the video on that station and every other station across the country. Many people were very upset that the news station had aired the footage. Some of the families of the victims and some of the students found it unbearable to watch.

There were so many questions that stemmed from the incident. How this situation could have been dealt with better? Why wasn't the school shut down after the first two shootings, and was the media insensitive and wrong for placing the footage on television so soon?

This week's column will be difficult in many ways. I have so many emotions about the things that happened, so many feelings trapped inside of my heart. This tragedy hit me very hard, as it did many other people.

As a college student myself, I realize that this could have happened anywhere. I heard President Bush give a speech to the students at the college and in one particular statement he said, "The students were just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

But that's not true; they were in the right place at the right time. Many of them were in class; that's were they were supposed to be. These were our leaders of tomorrow, so they were in the place to educate themselves; the shooter was in the wrong place in his mind, and has caused tears to be shed throughout the nation.

I hate wondering how things would be different under other circumstances . I have to force myself to come to terms with what actually happened that day and try to figure out the best ways to move on from there.

According to sources, the shooter seemed very troubled. There was a lot of talk throughout the English department about some abnormal behavior that he was demonstrating, but there was nothing that could be done. They said that he had written some very disturbing short stories, but to bring it to the attention of the authorities would go against his rights to have free speech.

Once again, I say there is a line that needs to be drawn that distinguishes free speech from dangerous speech. I don't understand why it takes a tragedy for us to realize that there is something really wrong with this picture.

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Images of this deranged person were plastered on our televisions last week were and announcements that this was the deadliest school shooting this country has ever seen. I'm convinced that if we keep putting pictures of him up, and basically saying that he pulled off the deadliest school shooting, as if it's some sort of record being broken, that there is going to be someone who thinks they can break it.

That's the nature of a "record"; it's meant to be broken. Throughout this whole ordeal, I felt that there were times were our media focused too much of the attention on the shooter and not the victims. They focused on the fact the he killed the most people, but not about who those people were.

Days after the shooting had taken place; there were a number of threats made to other schools. Some people claiming that they could "do better" than the shooter at Virginia Tech; like this is some sort of game.

It literally makes me sick! I understand that this is news to reporters and too many people, but how far should we go before it goes too far. What's the real story? In my opinion, the real story lies within the lives that were so viciously taken away.

If you noticed throughout this article I never mentioned the name of the killer, because I don't think he deserves that in. For the first time I want to talk about the people who really deserve the print…the victims.

Ross Abdallah Alameddine, 20, of Saugus, Mass

Christopher James Bishop, 35, helped run an exchange program

Brian Bluhm, 25, civil engineering graduate student

Ryan Clark, 22, biology and English major from Martinez, Ga

Austin Cloyd, an international studies major from Blacksburg, Va

Jocelyne Couture-Nowak, a French instructor

Daniel Perez Cueva, 21, from Peru

Kevin Granata, engineering science and mechanics professor

Matthew G. Gwaltney, 24, graduate student in civil and environmental engineering from Chester, Va

Caitlin Hammaren, 19, sophomore majoring in international studies and French

Jeremy Herbstritt, 27, of Bellefonte, Pa

Rachael Hill, 18, of Geln Allen, Va

Emily Jane Hilscher, 19, freshman from Woodville, Va

Jarrett L. Lane, 22, senior from Narrows, Va

Matthew J. La Porte, 20, sophomore from Dunmont, N.J.

Henry J. Lee, 20, first year student majoring in computer engineering form Roanoke, Va.

Liviu Librescu, 76, engineering science and mathematics professor.

G.V. Loganathan, 51, civil environmental engineering professor

Partahi Lombantoruan, 34, civil engineering doctoral student from Indonesia

Lauren McCain, 20, international studies major from Hampton, Va

Daniel O'Neil, 22, senior from Rhode Island

Juan Ramon Ortiz, 26, engineering graduate student from Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Minal Panchal, 26, a first-year building-science student from Mumbai, India

Erin Peterson, 18, an international studies major from Chantilly, Va

Michael Pohle, 23, of Flemington, N.J.

Julia Pryde, a graduate student from Middletown, N.J.

Mary Karen Read, 19, of Annandale, Va

Reema J. Samaha, 18, a freshman from Centerville, Va

Waleed Mohammed Shaalan, a doctoral civil engineering student form Zagazig, Egypt

Leslie Sherman, a sophomore history and international studies student from Springfield, Va

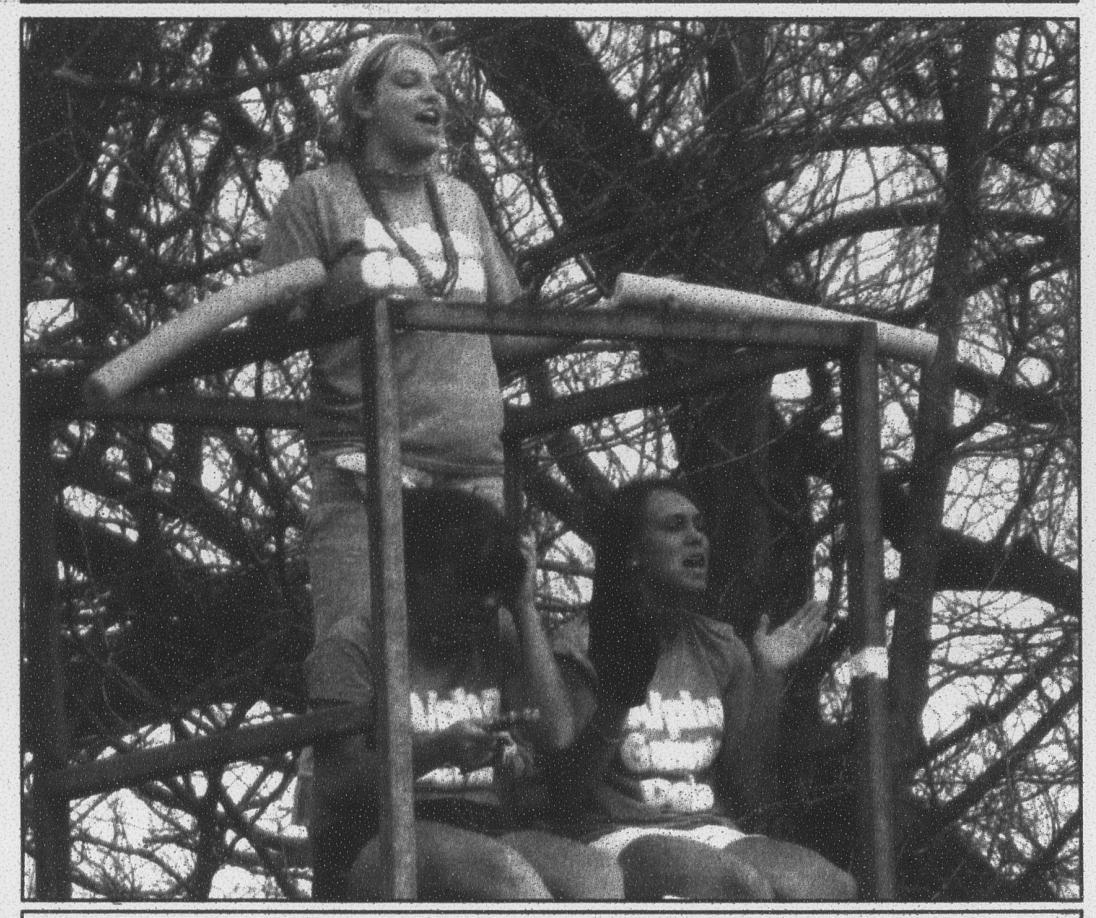
Maxine Turner, 22, senior chemical engineering major

Nicole White, 20, a junior majoring in international studies from Smithfield, Va.

That's the real story. That's the tragedy. Some of the greatest chapters of their stories will never come into existence because of a senseless act. My hearts breaks because of it, and I think that we have a responsibility to each one of those who lost their lives to make the most of ours.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

GREEK WEEK BLITZ



Student Employees of the Week

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From left, Webb, Habarka and Gordish take a minute out from their busy job in the Registrar's office.

The Registrar's office has three great student workers, and Patti Hammer has bragged about all of them for so long, that they all received this week's Student Employee of the Week award.

Rachel Webb, a sophomore from Pittsburgh, is an English major with 2 minors: Spanish and secondary education. She also coaches cross country and track at Wilmington Area High School.

Nicole Habarka from West Middlesex is a sophomore Elementary Education major and spent last summer, as well as this academic year, working in the Registrar's office.

Elizabeth Gordish was assigned to the Registrar's office as an incoming first year student last fall, and she likes it so much, she plans to return next year. She is a PR major from Cranberry Township.

"As a work-study supervisor, I consider myself blessed to have Rachel, Nicole, and Elizabeth working with us. They are the best!" said Hammer.

"Especially since these 'Registrarettes' help process over 6,000 transcripts, file over 3,000 registration cards and approximately 1400 add/drop cards per academic year. Pretty monotonous stuff – but thankfully they take their work seriously, since they know accuracy is key to our office. By the time this trio graduates, each will be a certified alphabetizing expert!"

"Elizabeth, Nicole, and Rachel's opinions and perspectives are important to us, so we often ask them to proof memos before we release them to the student body. Working with the girls gives us better insight into what today's student deals with on a daily basis. I must confess that I enjoy the girl-talk we share every day. But most important, we share lots of laughs – and laughter is a necessary survival skill for working in a Registrar's Office. And, NO, they do not enjoy special inside privileges over other students! Just ask one of them – for they also think we are tough!"

Steelers invited to 1971 Greek Week

"Therefore I do it, and I, and I make no doubt the rest will ne'er come in, if he be out. There's no such sport as a sport by sport o'erthrown, to make theirs our and ours none but our own; so shall we stay, mocking intended game, and they, well mock'd, depart away with shame." (Love's Labor's Lost 5.3.150-6)

On May 6, 1971, an appearance by the Pittsburgh Steelers highlighted Greek Week.

The Pittsburgh Steelers challenged the Greek All-Stars in the field house in a Basketball game. Unfortunately, no publication indicates a winner.

Pan-Hel and I.F.C. hoped that the 1971 Greek Week would be "the greatest Greek Week yet," as an April 30, 1971 *Holcad* article explains.

But the Steelers were only one attraction to the 1971 Greek Week.

A sorority volleyball tournament was held with a trophy awarded to the team with the best record.

A trophy was also awarded to the fraternity and sorority inner tube race across Lake Brittain.

A rugby tournament ran from 9:00-12:00 AM.

The Holcad published the 1971 Greek Week Schedule:

Monday, May 3

Canned goods charity drive – all day.

Sorority Volleyball Tournament 4:30-6:00 Old 77

Tuesday, May 4

Junior I.F.C. Golf Tournament Castle Hills – 8:00-4:00

Sorority Volleyball Tournament

Wednesday, May 5

Rugby Tournament 9:00-12:00

Intertube Races 1:30-2:30

Sorority Volleyball Tournament 3:00-5:15

Greek Bar-b-que 6:00-7:30

Theta Chi Slave Auction 7:30, Amphitheatre

Thursday, May 6

Sorority Volleyball Tournament 4:30-6:00

Steelers-Greek All Star Basketball Game 8:00 Field House

Friday, May 7

Sorority Volleyball Tournament

Tub Dance 8:30

Presentation of Trophies 10:30 at the dance

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Campus Statistic of the Week

264

Number of seniors graduating on May 19

Source: Registrar

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Saturday
Mostly sunny, comfortable
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Sunday
Mostly sunny
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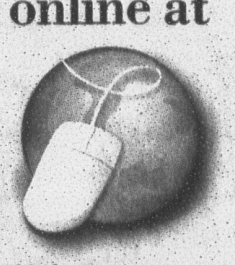

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No Shirt, No Shoes, VolleyROCK!

Beloved campus tradition continues this weekend

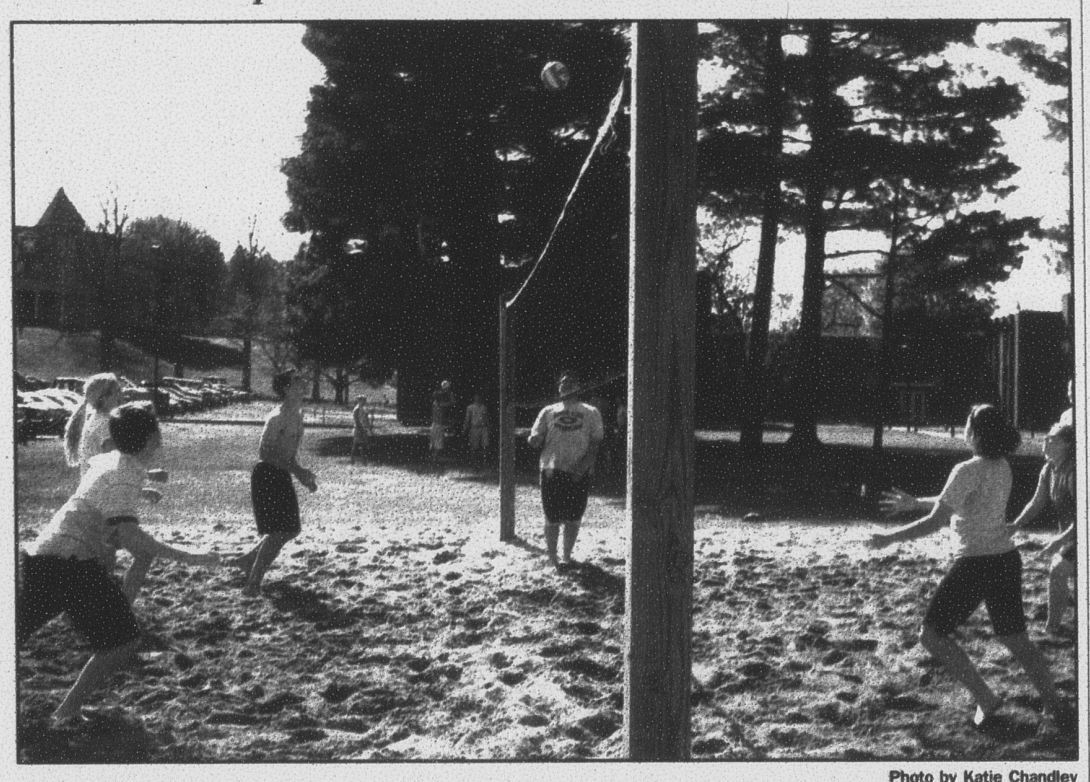

Photo by Katie Chandley

The "Indelible Hammerheads" and "5'3" scrimmage to practice up for this Saturday's tournament.

By Katie Chandley
Staff Writer

It's the event that many have waited the entire semester for, and it's finally going to happen this weekend: VolleyROCK! This long standing tradition of fun, food, music and of course…volleyball, will kick off Friday night with a concert featuring Anberlin in Anderson Amphitheater. Then on Saturday, the volleyball competition begins at 9 a.m.

According to SGA vice president Elena Infante, this year's VolleyROCK will have many more activities beside just volleyball.

"There will be a dual obstacle course that is a large inflatable course for two people to go into and race," Infante said. "The cash cube will have money and gift certificates flying around inside for people to grab. There will be a dunk tank from Phi Mu and the Coast to Coast for a Cure guys will be sponsoring a scavenger hunt. There will also be the giant twister game made up of four twister mats put together and a SnoCone machine!"

Food is another main factor to the event, and participants are definitely going to get their money worth on Saturday. There will be a free lunch provided by Sodexo and the traditional Quaker Steak and Lube wings at 4:00.

There are also many opportunities for students and faculty to "rock out" this year. The concert Friday night will headline national rock band Anberlin who has toured with well-known names like Relient K and Yellowcard.

The concert will also feature local talent JD Eicher and Inductions of Reason. Jonzetta will open for Anberlin and as always, all VolleyROCK participants are admitted to the concert free of charge. On Saturday, the music will continue with D.J. Tony G who "will be providing some sweet tunes for all to enjoy all day long" Infante said.

Students all across the campus are gearing up for this week's event. Senior Katie Alcorn is thrilled to compete in her fourth and final VolleyROCK. "I love being with my friends out in the sun, and nothing can beat Lube wings!"

Though the wings and other freebees like T-shirts, water bottles, and Frisbees are major perks of the event, some students can't help but get caught up in the athletic competition. Dedicated teams like the "Indelible Hammerheads" and "Team 5'3" were taking advantage of the nice weather this week by having a practice scrimmage. "Indelible Hammerheads" captain Derek Deremer is working to keep his team focused and prepared.

"Well when we created the Indelible Hammerheads, we made a team of sweet people with good sportsmanship and a positive attitude," Deremer said. "It's not about drafting people just because they can spike a ball over the net or look good with there shirt off, its about a team that regardless of how the day goes will be side by side eating wings at the Fieldhouse, laughing and having a good time."

Some VolleyROCKers may be concerned that Westminster is hosting the PAC softball tournament on Saturday. Though the volley ball courts will be set up by the softball field as usual, Infante doesn't believe that this will cause a conflict.

"We don't anticipate any problems because by Saturday a few of the teams will be knocked out of the tournament by that time," Infante said. "We think it will run as smooth as ever and there will just be even more for students to do including watching and cheering on our girl's softball team!"

Another difference in this year's VolleyROCK is that Lube wings will NOT be distributed in the Down Under in Eichenauer as usual. Due to library renovations and the bottom of Eich being used for storage, students will receive their wings in the field house. Also this year, an alumni VolleyROCK team will be making an appearance out on the courts, creating some exciting competition.

Commencement and senior week planned

By Jenna Retort
Campus writer

As the semester draws to a close, the seniors have a week full of activities, which they are eagerly anticipating.

Senior week '07 will kick off on May 14 with an evening at Tulley's next to Quaker Steak and Lube. Tulley's will be open from 8 p.m. until midnight for Westminster seniors only. The event will include wings, pizza, vegetable trays and music, all at a cost of only $5 for those in attendance.

"I feel like I am in a unique position," Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne said. "I get to meet these students for the first time at Fresh Start, get to know them over the course of four years and get to be with them one last time during senior week."

As incoming freshmen, all students have the opportunity to attend a picnic at the President's house. The seniors will have this opportunity once more following their evening at Tulley's. A brunch was decided upon since it leaves flexibility in the senior week and also leaves the students with the

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Students present research

By Carrie Hill
Campus writer

Five students traveled to sunny California on April 12, but not for a relaxing vacation; they joined over 2,000 of their peers in presenting research.

The National Conference for Undergraduate Research was held April 12-14 at Dominican University of California in San Rafael, Ca. Ryan Barnes, Liz Farry, Catharine Hebdon, Laura Kocher and Mike Wolenski each presented research at the conference.

According to the NCUR, this annual event serves as a forum where undergraduates can celebrate and promote their academic achievements. It also provides examples of outstanding undergraduate research.

The conference is an excellent way for students to publicize their work and prepare for graduate school or their careers. Students are able to view exhibits and presentations from their own discipline as well as other areas of study.

"I had the opportunity to see what other disciplines were doing, which prompted questions in my mind that I could bring back to psychology," Hebdon said.

According to Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett who traveled to the conference with the students, each department on campus chose students who were doing research and were at an appropriate level to participate in the conference. These students then had to submit abstracts of their work to the NCUR for review and admission to the conference.

"There was quite a screening process that these students went through," Corrette-Bennett said.

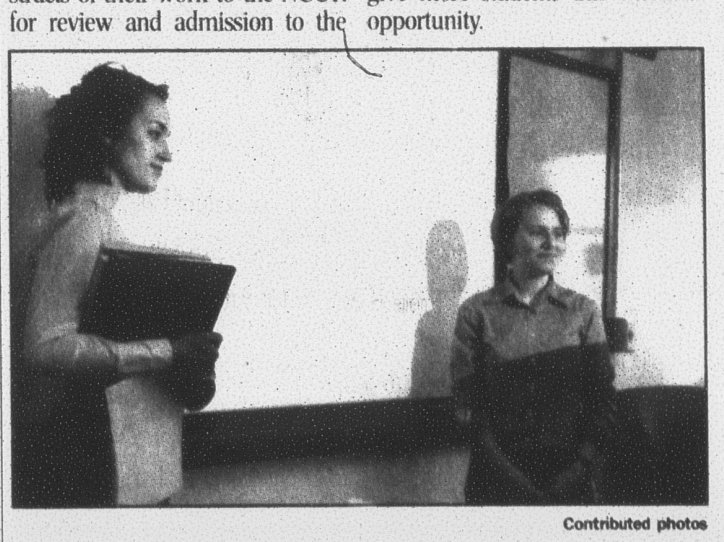
Many different departments on campus were represented at the conference. Hebdon, a psychology major, presented research on Communal Strength of Emotion in U.S. and Egyptian Cultures. She studied the amount of emotion expressed in different relationships.

Farry's research dealt with the increase of citizen journalism. She researched various news outlets and how they are dealing with this increase.

Kocher, an English and French double major, presented the work that she did for Dancing at Lughnasa, a production by Theatre Westminster in the spring of 2005. She was the dramaturge for the show. Kocher did research to help the actors get into character and helped the director to ensure the historical accuracy of the play.

"Participating in a conference like this was an example of how Westminster is devoted to excellence and helps students form networks across the nation," Kocher said.

This is the first year that departments on campus have sponsored students attending the NCUR, and Corrette-Bennett said that the Drinko Center was integral in this effort. He said that both he and Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, who also attended the conference, as well as other faculty members are hoping to increase the campus funding of undergraduate research, in order to give more students this excellent opportunity.



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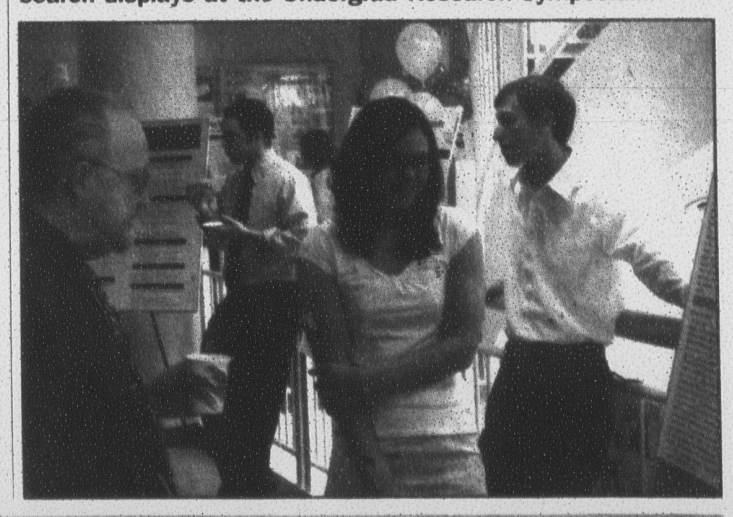
Above, Jen Rossey and Emily Morningstar present their research; below, members of the campus community visit research displays at the Undergrad Research Symposium.



Campus hosts visitors in April

By Cory Baker
Campus writer

It is the time of the year again when high school seniors decide where they will further their education.

On April 15 and April 21, high school seniors had the opportunity to see what Westminster College has to offer. Guided tours were given to the prospective students and their parents by members of SWAT. A total of 169 seniors were on the campus during these two campus visitation days.

"The number of applications is up from last year. Last year we had 1,125 applications and this year we had 1,340," assistant director of admissions Regina Sharbaugh said.

On campus visitation days prospective students stay up to four hours on campus. While on campus, these students have the opportunity to meet with professors, coaches and advisors. These meetings are considered an "informal interview." The campus tour also includes visiting residents halls, listening to the president of the college speak and watching a financial aid presentation.

"It is kind of intimidating to walk into Orr Auditorium when it is packed full of high school seniors and their parents. But it is fun to give them a tour and find out where they are from," sophomore SWAT member Jamie Spisak said.

Some of the key things that attract prospective students to the college include reputation, placement rate, graduation rate and location. Students find out about the college through representatives sent to high schools. Prospective students also find out about the college through mailings, the website and college fairs.

"A lot of prospective students and parents really like when I talk about the things that I like that attracted me to Westminster. It seems to make the tours more personal," sophomore SWAT member Jordan Flaim said.

There are four campus visitation days throughout the school year. There are two in the fall and two in the spring.

Students who have been accepted to the school are invited to an event called Spring Fling. The Spring Fling event is held two times a year. At this event, accepted students have the opportunity to visit tables that are set up by each major. This event takes place in the Witherspoon rooms. For many students, this is the last look at the campus before they make their decision on where they will be attending in the fall.

"I think taking a tour of the campus can really make or break someone's decision; they really get to know the campus when a current student is showing them the ropes," sophomore SWAT member Jenna Cunningham said.

Prospective students have two options for applying. They can apply online via the website or through the mail. Students applying are encouraged to have at least a 3.35 grade point average, a score on the SAT of 1080 and a score on the ACT of 23.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Last R 'n R's...*tear*

Yay VolleyROCK!

Posso capire italiano.

Why is everyone almost done except me?

She shaved her freakin' legs!!

Um, when did May happen?

Я сошла с ума.

Orange is for Thursdays. Duh.

Shall we partake in some Dr. Pepper?

Two concerts in one night...WHY???

Let's hear it for Team FOPWOP and Friends!

How come no one has heard of The Houseplant Song?

Newman Club = Priest being called Honey Buns.

I have a Piece of lint in my Peaceful eyeeee.

No more tifting. Please.

Convergence! It worked.

Four more days 'til Capstone is done!

Todavía echamos de menos Sevilla.

Shindig.

If you say "oh, raccoon" one more time...

Who still has $ on their meal plan?

I'm in a glass case of EMOTION!!!

Lost is better than Firefly.

Climbing trees AND jumping off bridges.

She's 6 days late...

I love hail the size of golf balls!

"Look, a tiger!" "Don't DO that!"

Congrats, seniors!!

Hats off to the weather.

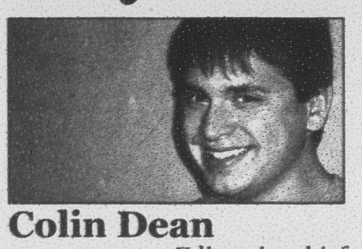
Clearly, Firefly is far, far better than Lost. At least the writer knew where he was going with the storyline.

Waiting a 9 months for more Battlestar Galactica is going to kill me.

I'M DONE WITH COLLEGE!

Want to Rant & Rave? Drop off your words at the McKelvey Information Desk!

A three-year voyage concludes



Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

It's been a few months short of four years since the first time I picked up a copy of *The Holcad*. After reading a few editions, as I recall, I decided that I wanted to get involved.

I had been the "computer productions manager" for Wilmington's Blue and Gold, the position charged with maintaining the 20-computer journalism lab. I was expected to know how to do essentially everything needed to assemble "The Extra," a letter-size section for the majority of the articles, as only a few were selected to go in the main, newsprint portion of the high school paper.

I visited co-editors-at-the-time Megan Sigler and Josh Storey at the new *Holcad* office in the recently-built McKelvey Campus Center.

With my previous experience at the Blue and Gold, I hoped to be able to score at least a photography position with *The Holcad*, but something involving layout would have been really cool.

Unfortunately, Sigler and Storey told me that freshmen cannot be on staff of *The Holcad* for a number of reasons I won't waste space listing. Instead, they suggested that I try Argo and apply for *Holcad* staff in the spring of 2004. I did both, and found myself eventually working for *The Holcad* as a layout and copy editor for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Sigler was more-or-less responsible for my interest in journalism. It was her peppy, vibrant personality and zeal for news that inspired me to pick up a writing minor in the spring of 2005. I then applied for the 2005-2006 editorship of *The Holcad* along with fellow copy editor Kathryn Larson.

Throughout the 2005-2006 voyage (*The Holcad* is a boat, remember? A vessel of burden, so it goes.), Larson taught me to be persistent. There's always news out there. If someone talks about a situation, it's news. If someone doesn't want to talk about a situation, that's news, too.

The spring of 2006 came along and I applied for the sole editorship of *The Holcad*. Once appointed by the Student Publications Board, I began assembling my crack team of top-notch journalists, artists and right-hand women, as it turned out to be.

This has been a great year for *The Holcad*. We've covered a number of compelling campus events, set a few stories straight and managed to earn a first-place rating in a national review competition. My ever-growing staff is tighter than ever, running as efficiently and cooperatively as possible, given that we're all students first.

I get a lot of credit for the success of *The Holcad*, and I've also caught the heat when we've messed up. However, there are a lot of people behind the scenes who rarely get their names in the paper except for a column here and there or a few characters in the staff box at the bottom of this page.

David Timm is our distribution manager. He's the guy who wakes up before most students do each Friday so that he can get *Holcads* and take them to the pick-up spots throughout campus.

Jill Carle is our advertising manager. She's responsible for seeing that we have ads each week and that the ads are up to both our and our clients' specifications. She's also responsible for keeping fantastic records that please both my paymasters and me.

Leanne Veres is our layout editor. She's been in the office just about every Wednesday night and Thursday since the beginning of the year. She's shown up hell-or-snow (she's a commuter) and done layout, arranging pages, editing copy and making the edits.

Christine Line was a managing editor last semester. She studied abroad in Spain this semester, but will be returning to staff next year. She's another layout warrior and source of many layout staff inside jokes.

Leanna Stitt is our news editor, the one responsible for all news stories. Each week, she scours the campus for story ideas. She decides what's newsworthy, what's rumor and what's superfluous. She's the heart and soul of what the readers read. Without her, *The Holcad* couldn't cover the breadth or depth of information that it does.

Jenn Corkadel is my main managing editor and editor of the Features section. She's responsible for the day-to-day operations of *The Holcad*. In addition to layout and writing a column, finding content worthy for Features, she also acts as my foil: she helps keep me in reality. She probably spends as much time in the office as I do–if not more–receiving stories from writers and forwarding them to copy editors, designing page layouts with Leanne and me, managing *The Holcad*'s budget. One of her many specialties is making sure that layout days are never without an appropriate amount of sarcasm and humor.

I would be in error to omit Jim Raykie, editor of *The* Sharon *Herald* and adviser of *The Holcad*, from my thanks. It's been under his wisdom and guidance that T*he Holcad* has flourished and become the strong example of student journalism that it is. He's been the perfect adviser–a model one–working close enough with us to keep us legal and in the good graces of our financial providers, but leaving us enough breathing room to experiment, manage ourselves, make mistakes, learn from our mistakes, and really let *The Holcad* be a student newspaper.

I don't know if these people know just how much I appreciate everything they've done this year. Without them, *The Holcad* would be nothing. They've been there for me when I've needed them, and even some times when I didn't know I needed them.

And so, trusty readers, this is my disembarkation point. I've been voyaging on this vessel of burden for three long years, devoting every Thursday, and lots more time during other days, to bring you the news of Westminster. For the past year, I've been sailing the seas of journalism with spyglass and compass in hand and in the company of my capable first mate, helmsman and the finest crew I could assemble.

I'll be handing the proverbial hat and parrot to Jenn Corkadel, next year's editor-in-chief. She's an incredible young woman, completely deserving of the title. Hopefully, her voyage will be as smooth as mine and she, too, will have a second-in-command as vigilant as she was for me.

Land ho, mates.

Don't miss Colin's senior send-off bio on Page B-4.

Shondie bids grads adieu

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of mind

This semester is finally over and with it, my time as opinion columnist. It has been a blast, but I cannot help but wonder if I fell into the same rut as Peck.

It seemed that by the end of his time on the job, he came to the realization that angering people was the most he could accomplish. I think I vaguely remember a conversation we had on the topic.

I understand now what he meant. By this point, I have written at least half a dozen columns on what it is to be a "good" person. Conscience, caring, compassion, rhetoric, opinion… I really was just preaching to the choir.

But at least I was entertaining, right?

I think I may have gotten a rise out of one or two people, though. That makes my day. Rattling the cage and making people a little anxious might just have made them more careful, or more thoughtful, or at the very least less blatant.

To those of you that agreed with a column or two: keep fighting the good fight. Chances are, there is someone else here who has the same opinion as you. Band together, and work toward the cliché of your choosing. I like "a brighter tomorrow."

I stand firm in all of my assertions, save for a column or two that should have never gone to print. If I had it to do over again, I would have complained a little less, but the content would stay the same.

That, and I would make an attempt to submit my articles before Thursday afternoon…

Next year should be interesting, with a new staff and a new A-2. Well, no more me, at least. I will still be around, as I am still waiting to get tenure, but I will not be writing as much.

So, to all the seniors: congratulations.

To all the juniors: welcome to the end of the journey.

To all the sophomores: you are halfway done; it is all downhill from here.

To all the first-year students: time is about to get moving, and tomorrow you'll be graduating.

Hope everyone's summer is productive and yadda yadda yadda, you know the rest.

I'll see most of you in the fall, and don't worry, I'll still be spouting off this acidic nonsense.

You will just have to find me in person.

Bill is a senior computer science major. He enjoys tea, the work of the late Kurt Vonnegut and midnight trips to Sheetz.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation for Greeks' support of Cystic Fibrosis research

I would like to comment about Westminster's outstanding Greek Community. Their caring and generosity is amazing.

My three year old daughter, Claire, has Cystic Fibrosis. I truly believe that she would not be alive today without the research that has been funded by donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Greeks had a Penny War fundraiser during Greek Week and raised $1800.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Their warm reception when they presented the check was heartening.

Claire had just gotten out of the hospital a few days before so we told her that they were cheering her for being so brave while she was in the hospital. That really meant a lot to my husband and I, and especially to Claire. I would like to say a big thank you to the Greek Community from the Hartner family.

Claire had just gotten out of the hospital a few days before so we told her that they were cheering her for being so brave while she was in the hospital.

I would also like to note that all of the funds raised will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, not our family.

Kelly Hartner
Enterprise Network Manager, Information Systems

Allocations representative of college's priorities?

The SGA organization allocations have been announced causing confusion, panic and distress on campus. As a member of the campus who will soon bid Westminster adieu, I was shocked at where some of the campus' funds have been allocated for the coming school year.

Looking at the allocations made me wonder where the priorities of the campus have gone. One glaring example of this is that that an organization which seeks to help members of the campus pursue the sport of skiing and share a common bond with other skiers received over $1,000.

Three other organizations that have the objectives of promoting the Catholic identity and fellowship, developing leadership in tomorrow's teachers and promoting leadership, fellowship and service received less than half of that.

From the allocations it appears that organizations with the potential to appeal to a wide campus audience but contribute little or nothing to the community are favored in the auditing process. If that is the case then it seems likely that this financial situation is hindering organizations that are helping to build a better future.

Another interesting point is that the equestrian team, which has only eight members, received $6,000. Granted the expense of belonging to that group is high, but should eight members be allocated by SGA, essentially, $750 apiece? That hardly seems just when this organization may be adding prestige to the school but not contributing much to the campus community.

Other students who are doing service for the campus or preparing to be teachers for tomorrow's youth are barely receiving $20 per capita in their organizations. The causes of those organizations seem much more worthy of funds. Another question is why the equestrian team is not considered a sport. Why is an amazing sport dishonored and considered only a student organization? Does the fact that the stables are not owned by the college make it any less of a sport?

In a way this makes me happy that I am leaving. Hopefully I will enter a new academic community where value is put on things that are worthwhile and making a difference in society. A community where it is more important to promote fellowship and understanding, to be of service and to foster professional growth than find the companionship of other skiers. Not that finding others with similar interests isn't important, but is it more important than developing our campus community and students?

Elizabeth A. Kribel
Class of 2008

IT'S FUNNY 'COZ IT'S TRUE

Warning: A glimpse into life after Westminster

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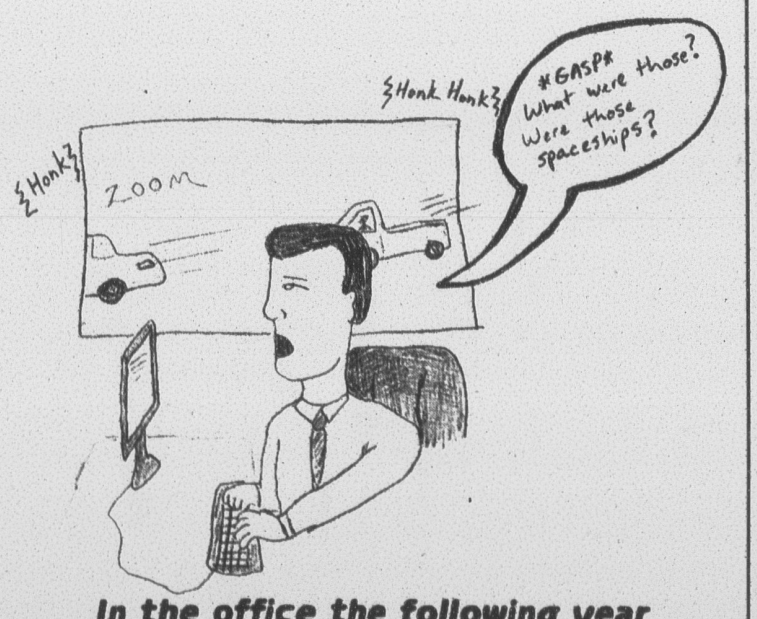

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Outside the Bubble

Ripped from the wire

Regional

TV anchor sends bikini pics to NFL host, wife intercepts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Television newswoman Alycia Lane says it was all an innocent misunderstanding.

Lane, a 34-year-old anchor for CBS affiliate KYW-TV, e-mailed vacation pictures of herself in a bikini to NFL Network anchor Rich Eisen. But the shots were intercepted by his wife, former Fox and ABC sports reporter Suzy Shuster, who was anything but amused.

The pictures were meant to be good fun between old friends, not an attempt to break up Eisen's four-year-old marriage, Lane told The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"I don't want to hurt his marriage," Lane, recently divorced a second time, told the newspaper in Wednesday's editions. "I'm not looking for (love) with a married man. I have been the married girl who was cheated on."

The New York Post, which reported on the flap in a gossip column Tuesday, said Shuster got the e-mails in an account she shares with Eisen, and responded with a snarky letter to Lane.

"Boy, do you look amazing in a bikini ... congrats! Whatever you're doing, (Pilates? yoga?) keep doing it _ it's working for you," Shuster wrote, according to The Post. "Anyway, sorry but those seven e-mails you sent to my husband, Rich, well, oops, they came to the e-mail address we both use from time to time, but no worries, I'll forward the beach shots as well as the ones of you dancing with your friends on to his main address. Do you have it?"

Lane said she was "mortified" by the whole story, saying the photos were part of "harmless" banter between "two old friends."

Lane said she and Eisen have corresponded frequently since meeting nearly 10 years ago when she worked at a station in New York and Eisen worked for ESPN in Bristol, Conn.

"Our relationship has always been purely platonic," Lane said.

A spokesman for Eisen said he and his wife "couldn't have a more solid relationship and are amazed that people find this whole episode so interesting."

Shuster, though the same spokesman, said "It's tough being married to such a handsome guy."

International

International court issues arrest warrants for Darfur war crimes suspects

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - The International Criminal Court issued its first arrest warrants Wednesday in the murderous Darfur conflict, seeking to try a government minister and a janjaweed militia leader on charges of mass slayings, rape and torture. Sudan immediately refused to arrest them.

After studying prosecution evidence for two months, a three-judge panel decided to seek the arrests rather than to summon the suspects to surrender, saying the evidence supported 51 charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The warrants against Sudan's humanitarian affairs minister, Ahmed Muhammed Harun, and the janjaweed militia's "colonel of colonels," Ali Kushayb, could be a crucial step toward bringing atrocities in the Sudanese province to international justice.

Richard Dicker of New York-based Human Rights Watch said it signaled "the days of absolute impunity ... for horrible crimes in Darfur are winding down."

Sudan was defiant.

"Our position is very, very clear _ the ICC cannot assume any jurisdiction to judge any Sudanese outside the country," Justice Minister Mohamed Ali al-Mardi told The Associated Press in the Sudanese capital. "Whatever the ICC does, is totally unrealistic, illegal, and repugnant to any form of international law."

Sudan was not party to the Rome convention that set up the court, he said, implying that it was not obliged to implement its warrants.

Asked whether Sudan would continue its past sporadic cooperation with the court, al-Mardi answered, "What cooperation? It's over."

The court's chief prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, said Sudan was legally bound to arrest the men.

In February, Moreno-Ocampo named Harun and Kushayb as suspects in the murder, rape, torture and persecution of civilians in Darfur.

Moreno-Ocampo said the arrest warrants underscored the strength of his case, built during a 20-month investigation, even though the treacherous security situation prevented him from sending investigators into Darfur.

"We transformed (witness) stories into evidence, and now the judges have confirmed the strength of that evidence," he said.

Harun is currently in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

Al-Mardi has said a Sudanese investigation into Harun's activities found "not a speck of evidence" against him. The Sudanese government says it has arrested Kushayb pending an internal investigation, but several witnesses told the AP that he was moving freely in Darfur under police protection.

Dicker, of Human Rights Watch, said the international community must press Sudan to arrest the men and send them to The Hague.

Failure to do so, "risks furthering Sudan's isolation on the international stage," he said, noting the 2005 U.N. Security Council resolution that authorized the Darfur investigation calls on Khartoum to cooperate fully with the court and the prosecutor.

However, getting the suspects to the court, which has no police force of its own, "won't be simple, won't be quick," he said.

Dicker called on China, as a permanent Security Council member, "to use its considerable influence to persuade the Sudanese leadership to cooperate."

Amnesty International joined in urging Sudan to arrest the suspects and suggested U.N. forces already in the country could detain them. The U.N. has a mission in southern Sudan following a peace treaty in an unrelated north-south war. But Sudan has so far resisted a large U.N. deployment in Darfur, where an undermanned, under-equipped African Union peacekeeping force is struggling.

The Darfur atrocities allegedly were committed in four towns and villages in West Darfur between August 2003 and March 2004.

Harun and Kushayb were part of a conspiracy to stamp out support for rebels by "indiscriminate attacks against the civilian population, murder, rape, inhumane acts, cruel treatment, unlawful imprisonment, pillaging, forcible transfer and destruction of property," according to a 94-page prosecution document sent to judges in February.

In their ruling, the judges cited one such attack, saying that based on prosecutors' evidence, there were "reasonable grounds to believe" that in April 2003 Sudanese troops in four-wheel-drive vehicles mounted with heavy machine guns attacked the town of Bindisi, along with some 500 janjaweed fighters riding horses and camels or on foot. Three planes from the Sudanese air force also bombed the town.

"The attack continued with members of the Sudanese Armed Forces and the ... janjaweed going from house to house in search of the remaining residents and killing those they found," the judges said.

Fighting in Darfur has left more than 200,000 dead and displaced 2.5 million in a campaign the U.S. has called genocide.

The conflict erupted in February 2003 when ethnic African tribesmen took up arms, complaining of decades of neglect and discrimination by the Khartoum government. Sudan is accused of retaliating by unleashing the janjaweed militia to put down the rebels using a campaign of murder, rape, mutilation and plunder.

Judges also said evidence pointed to a "unified strategy" by Khartoum of using troops, police, intelligence services and the janjaweed to fight rebels. Janjaweed fighters were trained at government camps, paid and armed by Sudanese authorities, and their leaders wore Sudanese Armed Forces or police uniforms, the judges said.

Although human rights groups have long made such claims, Wednesday's announcement marks the first time a panel of international judges have issued a ruling on the strength of the evidence.

At the time of the crimes, Harun, considered part of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir's inner circle, was an interior minister responsible for security in Darfur who helped recruit, arm and fund the janjaweed, prosecutors say. Kushayb allegedly commanded thousands of janjaweed fighters in western Darfur.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

NWS Confirms A Tornado Hit Mercer County

The National Weather Service confirms a tornado did touch down in Mercer County Tuesday night. Field meteorologists surveyed areas where storms downed trees and damaged homes near Mercer. The winds also scattered debris along Route 19 and I-79 where people reported seeing a funnel cloud on Tuesday. Based on the physical evidence and researching the eye witness accounts, NWS experts say an F-0 tornado did touch down and skipped around the area. The winds from that twister caused heavy damage in the Pine Grove Mobile Home Park in Cool Spring Township. That's where a tree fell crushing a mobile home in half. No injuries were reported. Experts say an F-0 tornado is the weakest of all twisters packing winds of 50 to 75 miles per hour.

Habitat for Humanity Reaches Out to Explosion Victims

Nearly six months after a massive explosion ripped through an East Side neighborhood in New Castle volunteers are working to rebuild one of the demolished homes for a single mother and her two kids. Habitat for Humanity began work this week to construct a home that was destroyed on November 27, 2006. On that day, a blast at a nearby home on Franklin Avenue, fueled by a natural gas leak, tore through the neighborhood injuring four people and damaging more than 30 homes. Now volunteers from several churches have put up the cash and muscle to rebuild one family's home. Habitat for Humanity organizers says it should take about six months to complete this project.

Meanwhile the criminal case against the man who lived inside the home where the explosion originated will go to trial. 30-year old Patrick Henry will stand trial on 103 criminal counts connected with the explosion that sent him and three other people to the hospital. Police allege Henry disconnected gas lines in his home in an attempt to commit suicide. He faces counts of arson, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and causing a catastrophe.

Interstellar

European astronomers find potentially habitable planet outside solar system

WASHINGTON (AP) -- For the first time astronomers have discovered a planet outside our solar system that is potentially habitable, with Earth-like temperatures, a find researchers described Tuesday as a big step in the search for "life in the universe."

The planet is just the right size, might have water in liquid form, and in galactic terms is relatively nearby at 120 trillion miles away. The star it closely orbits, known as a "red dwarf," is much smaller, dimmer and cooler than our sun.

There's still a lot that is unknown about the new planet, which could be deemed inhospitable to life once more is known about it. And it's worth noting that scientists' requirements for habitability count Mars in that category: a size relatively similar to Earth's with temperatures that would permit liquid water. This is the first outside our solar system that meets those standards.

"It's a significant step on the way to finding possible life in the universe," said University of Geneva astronomer Michel Mayor, one of 11 European scientists on the team that found the planet. "It's a nice discovery. We still have a lot of questions."

The results of the discovery have not been published but have been submitted to the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Political Pong: A change of heart

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Springtime does crazy things to people. Some start turning to thoughts of love. Others realize that summer is rapidly approaching and that winter has left them out of shape. There's even a group of people that realize that it's April and that it's time to start working on those New Years Resolutions that have been put off for four months.

Between the classes and extracurricular activities, I got to thinking about why I'm a Democrat, and suddenly, it hit me. All these years, I've been blindly following the ways of the misguided Democrats. I realized that I am actually a staunch, conservative Republican.

At first I tried to doubt it, but then I turned on the O'Reilly Factor and realized that he was the way to political harmony. Closed-mindedness about politics was actually the way to go. The way he harassed his guests was eye-opening and actually inspired me to do the same to people I meet. The other liberal media stations could just 'shove it' for all I cared because now I had found his 'no spin' zone. It felt so good to be able to trust what someone on television was telling me and know that he was absolutely not spinning things his own way. He's just too honest of a person to do that.

Once I finished my double whopper from Burger King and my two-liter of Pepsi, I decided to step outside and soak up some sun. As I was walking out my garage, I noticed a recycling bin in my garage. No longer would I need that outdated device. There was no need to recycle or worry about the environment because it would surely take care of itself. Hippie environmentalist liberals definitely didn't know what they were talking about.

As I laid outside soaking up the sun, I realized that the sun seemed to burn me quicker than when I was a child. Obviously, the earth was moving closer to the sun because there is no way the spray paint I used to cover up that nasty gash in my gas-guzzling truck was harming the ozone layer.

Speaking of my truck (I can't use the word 'car' anymore because only real people own trucks), I almost forgot to mention I sold my compact car to get a new truck. Even though I am a male living by myself, I found the need to buy not one but two massive trucks. As I was reading the stats about the truck, I found this item called 'fuel efficiency standards.' I wasn't really sure what it was, but it didn't seem like an important thing to consider when buying my truck.

It had been a wonderful day so far. Things seemed perfect except for the fact that I lived in the North. It was time to sell my house and move to the South. A few weeks after I moved, I got a call from my new buddy, George Bush. He was so pleased that I had seen the light that he invited me to a barbeque with his upstanding friends Alberto Gonzales, John Ashcroft, Dick Cheney, Scooter Libby, Rush Limbaugh, Trent Lott and Newt Gingrich. Being surrounded by such moral and scandal-free men made me feel empowered. These men seemed so nice that I stopped believing that there was something wrong with the Iraq War. It wasn't about oil or Middle-East domination; it was really about "liberating the people of Iraq."

It was in the middle of that thought that I was shot by Dick Cheney and blacked out. As I spent days in the hospital recovering, I realized that there was actually a purpose to gun control laws. I also noticed the tubes that were giving me liquids were made from recycled plastics. That sunburn was also starting to become uncomfortable, and the fumes coming from the gas guzzling trucks outside stunk.

As for O'Reilly, it became clear that he couldn't be telling the truth because I had time to watch every news channel. I noticed that they all reported a story one way, but his version was very different. It's true folks, I had found the light; I was a Democrat and proud of it.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

Just in case you didn't already hear, I got hit by golf-ball size hail on Tuesday and sustained a severe concussion.

But don't you worry, folks, I'm okay with my altered mind. I feel enlightened and motivated, and my opinion on a few things has changed. I think getting hit in the head allowed me to show my true colors.

As this is the last edition of political pong until a new dynamic duo takes the helm, and my last chance to spout off in the *Holcad*, let me tell you what I really think about the political realm.

Let's get honest. The real reason I hate Hillary Clinton so much is because I'm jealous of her. Yes, I think Bill Clinton is hot.

His charisma and brilliance is awe-inspiring. He can't help that he attracts women like a rock star; Monica was just a lapse in an otherwise almost flawless use of judgment and restraint.

America has never seen a better president; any complaints about his foreign or domestic policies were unfounded and simply partisan.

Nothing substantial eclipsed the glow of his perfection in eight full and wonderful years.

Hillary is a lucky woman. She'll win the presidency just because the American people will vote for her husband.

But I wouldn't discredit her too much: intense feminism is the way of the future. Senator Clinton can start in New York City and lead the feminist parades into the heart of Washington, D.C.

Her short time as a resident and junior Senator of the state of New York enhanced her political abilities by allowing her to gain more experience in the broad national and international arena. This certainly took precedence over accomplishing anything for the state.

If she needs any extra help, she can always turn to her environmentally friendly buddy, Al Gore. "An Inconvenient Truth" is one of the most enlightening, creative, truthful documentaries on record.

He and Michael Moore should get together and direct a film together; now that would be too good to be true.

The former vice president has done so many positive things, like invent the internet, that could improve Hillary's chances at winning the presidency that she should consider making Gore her running mate.

Why not bring back a great thing when the opportunity arises?

These three individuals could advance the United States in so many ways if (I mean, when) they're elected to office.

First on their agenda would be getting out of Iraq within the month. We should not care about giving the Iraqi people sufficient support to survive; the United States has to run away and try to make the best of the mess left behind.

Then, they would legalize marijuana, and in the same bill, make April 20 a national holiday. It's all natural, baby; there's nothing wrong with adding a little nature to our lives.

While we're at it, let's plant some trees and make Arbor Day just as important as Independence Day.

Trees are important, and I think hugging them a little harder will make everyone felt a little better. And those darn gas-guzzling trucks and SUVs.

No one actually needs those for anything rational or productive, so hopefully the Clinton administration would outlaw them entirely. That would help our awful addiction to oil immensely, and get rid of all that nasty truck noise. No one likes noise!

Oh, wait. I never got hit by hail. I never changed my mind. All that awful, liberal dribble I just wrote? I don't agree with it.

Don't you worry... whether or not I'm writing about it every week, this Republican will stay that way. I promise.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Speaker discusses fall of Berlin Wall

By Craig Hannon
Campus writer

A better perspective on the fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany was brought on campus this past week.

Dr. Charles Skinner, who recently retired from the State Department after 27 years as a Foreign Service officer spoke on campus last Thursday.

Skinner spoke about his time in Berlin, Germany during the time of the fall of the Berlin Wall in November of 1989. "When the Wall Fell: An Insiders View of the End of the Cold War and Changing Transatlantic Relations" was the theme of the speech.

Skinner worked for the Foreign Service, NATO, Allied military operations in Kosovo and was a political counselor for the United States Embassy in London, England.

Skinner was a desk officer in Berlin at the time the wall fall and noted the importance of the Berlin Wall collapsing.

"Before the wall fell, you felt like you were in somebody else's control when you visited East Berlin," Skinner said. "As a student in Berlin, I had to walk around the wall in order to cross borders. It was not a comfortable situation."

Skinner attended Davidson College in North Carolina and studied European history. During his junior year at Davidson, he studied abroad in Germany at Marburg University and the Free University in Berlin.

Skinner was adamant in saying how tense Germany was during the time the wall was up while he studied in Berlin.

"Checkpoint Charlie was the only way to get from one side of the wall to the other. It was a very tense time in Germany as many people would expect," Skinner said. "It made me second guess staying there for a semester."

The Cold War came to an end when the wall fell, but Skinner said one of the real reasons the Cold War ended was not because of the collapse of the wall.

"The wall symbolizes the Cold war better than anywhere else." Skinner said. "But Mikhail Gorbachev was under a lot of pressure and that was the real break point of the Cold War."

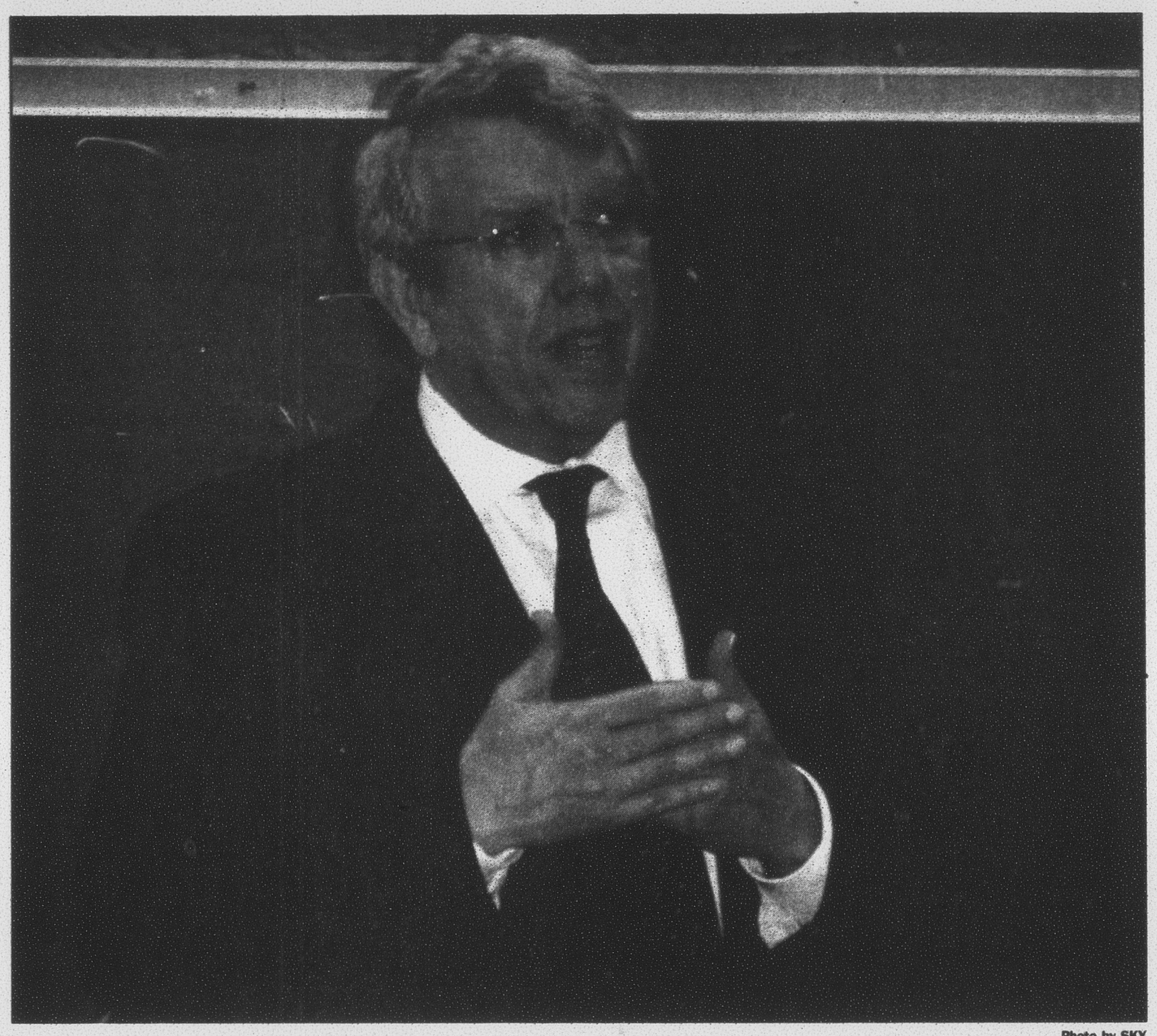
Students and faculty alike joined in to hear Skinner speak on the Berlin Wall issue and many went away impressed by his knowledge of the topic.

"I was too young to really understand what happened with the Berlin Wall, but Dr. Skinner's speech was really insightful," sophomore Valerie Bruno said. "I was very excited to hear the speech and gain a little appreciation on something that I knew very little about."

Dr. Ed Cohen, a professor of political science, was in charge of bringing Skinner to campus, and noted as he was introducing him, how important it was to have him here.

"It is nice to have him come speak to us on this topic," Cohen said. "He had a first hand look at the Berlin Wall and the Cold War and that's something that can't be replaced."

For more information on Dr. Skinner, please contact Dr. Ed Cohen at cohenes@westminster.edu.



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Dr. Charles Skinner, a retired Foreign Service officer, spoke on campus last Thursday about his time in Germany.

Scherr asks "do you know where your DNA is?"

Campus gathers to hear nationally-recognized authority on forensic DNA evidence discuss legal, privacy issues

By Jordan Flaim
Campus writer

During his presentation of "Do You Know Where Your DNA Is? Privacy, Genetics & the Constitution," Dr. Albert 'Buzz' Scherr focused on legal and privacy issues of DNA evidence.

On Wednesday April 25, thirty-eight members of the campus community gathered in Phillips Lecture Hall to hear Scherr speak. Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett, assistant professor of biology at the college, gave a short introduction of the speaker. Scherr is a professor of law at Franklin Pierce Law Center and also a nationally-recognized authority on forensic DNA evidence.

Scherr has traveled throughout the country for six years addressing different issues concerning DNA.

"I want people to think about how important genetic privacy is to them," Scherr said. "If it is important enough, how should or shouldn't we change the way we interpret the Constitution to get greater protection."

Early in his presentation, Scherr read a humorous story from The New York Times which received many laughs and audience participation. He then asked the audience to think about how important their DNA privacy is and which privacies the Constitution grants.

According to Scherr, cells containing DNA are not only inside the body but also outside the body. He explained that every cell in the body contains DNA, and as individuals lose cells they are losing their DNA as well.

Scherr referred to these lost cells as "cell droppings," and stressed that technological developments have improved our abilities to analyze the DNA contained in these cells.

"There is a possibility that parts, tissues and cells that leave your body may be considered a legal extension of your body for privacy concerns, and that will have a dramatic effect," Corrette-Bennett said.

Throughout the speech, Scherr stressed that the Constitution plays an important role in the way individuals use these "cell droppings."

Scherr referred to several amendments concerning privacy, but he focused on the fourth amendment.

Currently, the fourth amendment offers no protection against police analysis of abandoned DNA. Scherr mentioned that when we lose cells and DNA in public, we give up any expectation of privacy and anyone can analyze it.

If more privacy is gained by altering the Constitution, it could potentially hinder our ability to solve crimes.

"I am currently taking the 'Designer Genes' cluster course and it was interesting to hear Dr. Scherr's views on certain issues we have discussed in our class," junior Amy Schillinger said.

Every state has a DNA database, and seven states require DNA testing for something as simple as an arrest. DNA analysis can not only be used to solve crimes, but it can help reveal medical disorders that could be potential problems in the future. According to Scherr, within the next five years, scientists will be able to test for different behavioral predispositions such as ADHD, dyslexia, obesity and violence.

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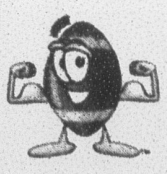

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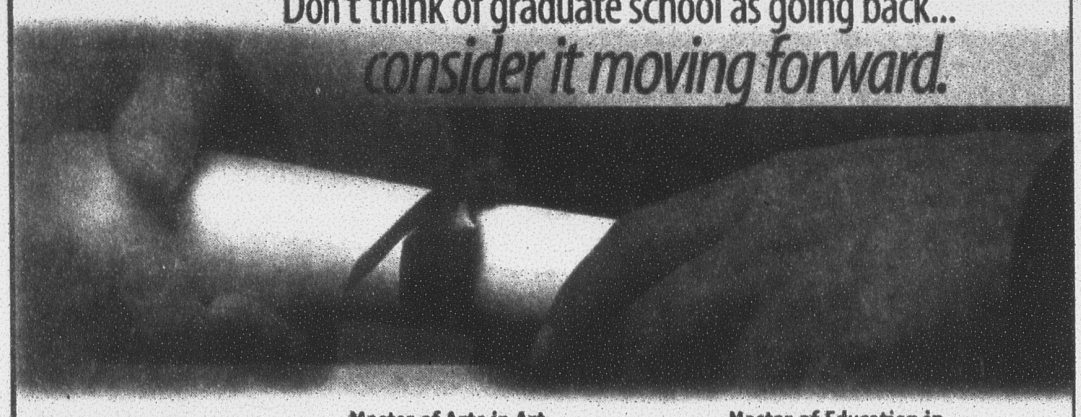

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Campus News

BSU fundraises for local children

By Lurene McDonald
Campus writer

A recent BSU fundraiser for the Lockley Kindergarten Center in New Castle helped benefit young children in the area.

In honor of National and Global Service Day, which was April 20, members of the group reached out to this local educational facility by organizing a 50/50 raffle for the campus.

"When we heard about Lockley, we knew we had to help them," BSU president Akesha Joseph, junior, said. "It was pretty much a no-questions-asked thing."

The kindergarten center does not own any playground equipment for the students who attend the school. When the BSU discovered the center's need, they looked for a way to help.

"Because it's dealing with children, we were happy to help them and fill a need for someone who needs it to be filled," BSU secretary Joselyn Parker, senior, said. "If they don't have a playground, then, we should be helping them get one."

The BSU has been working to help others in the community over the past year. They have established the promotion of charity as one of the key objectives of the organization.

"I'm a big person on charity," BSU vice president Angela Duckett, junior, said. "I love doing stuff for people that don't have. It's good for the heart."

The fundraiser establishes the college's and the organization's name in the community and has a personal connection to the campus.

"My granddaughter, Angelina, is in kindergarten at Lockley," lecturer of public relations Delores Natale said. "I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Westminster College students were holding a fundraiser to benefit Lockley."

The BSU, after discovering that they were unable to use the TUB to sell their tickets because of other scheduled events, used different means to advertise their service project.

The organization sent out e-mails to request the purchase of tickets, and members of the group individually encouraged the sale to students in their dorms and to faculty members.

"It worked out to promote the raffle in other ways," Joseph said.

The fundraiser gained enough interest that the group has decided to extend the length of the raffle. The drawing for the winner was postponed until Wed. May 2.

The group acknowledges that the money they raise will only meet a small portion of what the facility needs in order to purchase the playground equipment; however, they have plans to continue to work with Lockley in the future.

"We are looking to support the project next year and continue the project until they get a playground," Joseph said. "We know one year is not enough."

The group is happy with the support they have received from the campus, especially the faculty. They encourage everyone to continue to help them support this cause.

Photo by Amanda Miller

Members of the Black Student Union organized a 50/50 raffle to benefit area children.

Professor speaks on morality in Melville

By Max Muska
Contributing writer

Dr. Mathew Sivils, assistant professor of English, presented on the issues of morality present in Melville's "Billy Budd" on Monday, April 30 at the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas.

This event was a promotion for the Pittsburgh Opera presentation of the opera adaptation of Melville's novella.

The story centers on a naval trial in which Billy Budd is accused of murdering Claggart, Budd's master-at-arms, after Claggart accuses Billy of mutiny. Budd accidentally killed Claggart from a punch which was brought on by Claggart's false accusations.

The trial follows and Captain Vere, the only witness to the death, testifies against Budd. Vere withholds information from the court, such as Billy's stammer which prevented him from verbally defending himself, and Billy is put to death.

Dr. Sivils's speech was titled "The Leader's Moral Quandary-Understanding Captain Vere." He spoke of the morality of law and the morality of nature, noting that these often contradict each other. Captain Vere knew that Billy did not intentionally kill Claggart, but the naval law was strict in its treatment of men who killed their crewmates regardless of the motives.

The discussion was also concerned with what would be different if this story happened today. Dr. Sivils feels that Budd would still be convicted, but given a much lesser sentence due to the pressure of the situation that Budd found himself in.

"I was pleased with Dr. Matt Sivils' perceptive comments on Captain Vere, the central figure in Benjamin Britten's opera Billy Budd on Monday," said Frederick Horn, professor *emeritus* of the English Department, "His comments on Vere's complicated personality and role in the opera and his comparisons between Melville's novella and Britten's opera helped clarify Vere's confusion as captain of the war ship H.M.S. Indomitable. Dr. Sivils represented Westminster College well to an audience of judges, lawyers, administrators, and opera lovers."

Dr. Sivils is very well-schooled in the literature of Melville's time period and has taken a special interest in Melville. This is due to the literature surrounding Melville. Sivils finds it fascinating to look at the literature prior to Melville that inspired him and to read later texts to see how much Melville's contemporaries and future writers were influenced by his works.

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Student to enter Peace Corps

Senior Katie Willey to leave for Jordan in July

By Elizabeth C. Suders
Staff writer

Katie Willey, a senior sociology major from Akron, will be leaving for the Peace Corps in July.

After a long application process, Willey received her invitation to join two weeks ago. Willey applied in October and went to New York City in December for an interview.

Despite the long application process, it is not a difficult procedure; the Peace Corps requires applicants to have at least a bachelor's degree and understand the commitment they will be making.

"I have wanted to go since I had seen their [Peace Corps] website," said Katie Willey. "I wanted to be of useful service and learn about a different culture while giving them a picture of our culture."

Willey will be going to Jordan where she will be either a primary or secondary English teacher.

"Katie is going to make an awesome Peace Corps volunteer because she really cares about people and really tries to understand them-that's what gives her life meaning," Tara Savage said of Willey. "I am really going to miss her while she's away, but I know that she's going to positively impact the people she gets to know, and that's a priceless gift to the world."

Despite travel restrictions, Willey plans on seeing as much of the area as possible. She will be in Jordan for two years. When Willey leaves in July, her first three months will be spent training for the culture and her assignment.

Willey is no stranger to leadership positions, as she is a member of Titan Traverse. She believes that Titan Traverse was a stepping stone for the Peace Corps and that she gained a lot of necessary experience from it. As a member, she participated in a six-week backpacking trip.

Although Willey will be in Jordan for two years, she is not yet ruling out graduate school when she returns. However, she does hope to "take it one step at a time and leave her options open."

A 2004 graduate, Felicie Reid, is also a member of the Peace Corps that is located in Benin, Africa. Reid has been at her post for almost two years.

American donors from her home community and college relations funded one of the projects she has undertaken through the Peace

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This year Service Learning was integrated into eleven courses in which over 145 students participated in service to the community.

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Campus News

Campus Greens help out at campus Field Station

Afterwards , members host speaker at Memorial Labyrinth celebrating Arbor Day

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

On April 27, fifteen students came out to help members of the Green Party celebrate Arbor Day. Out of these students, three were actual Green Party members.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation website, Arbor day has been around since 1872. However, it was officially declared a legal holiday in 1885, by the state of Nebraska. Each state has their own day on which they celebrate Arbor Day; Pennsylvania celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in February each year.

Clarence Harms, his grandson Chance, and students gathered at the Field Station to plant over 40 seedlings in honor of Arbor Day. The members of the Green Party wore bright green caps as they planted the trees.

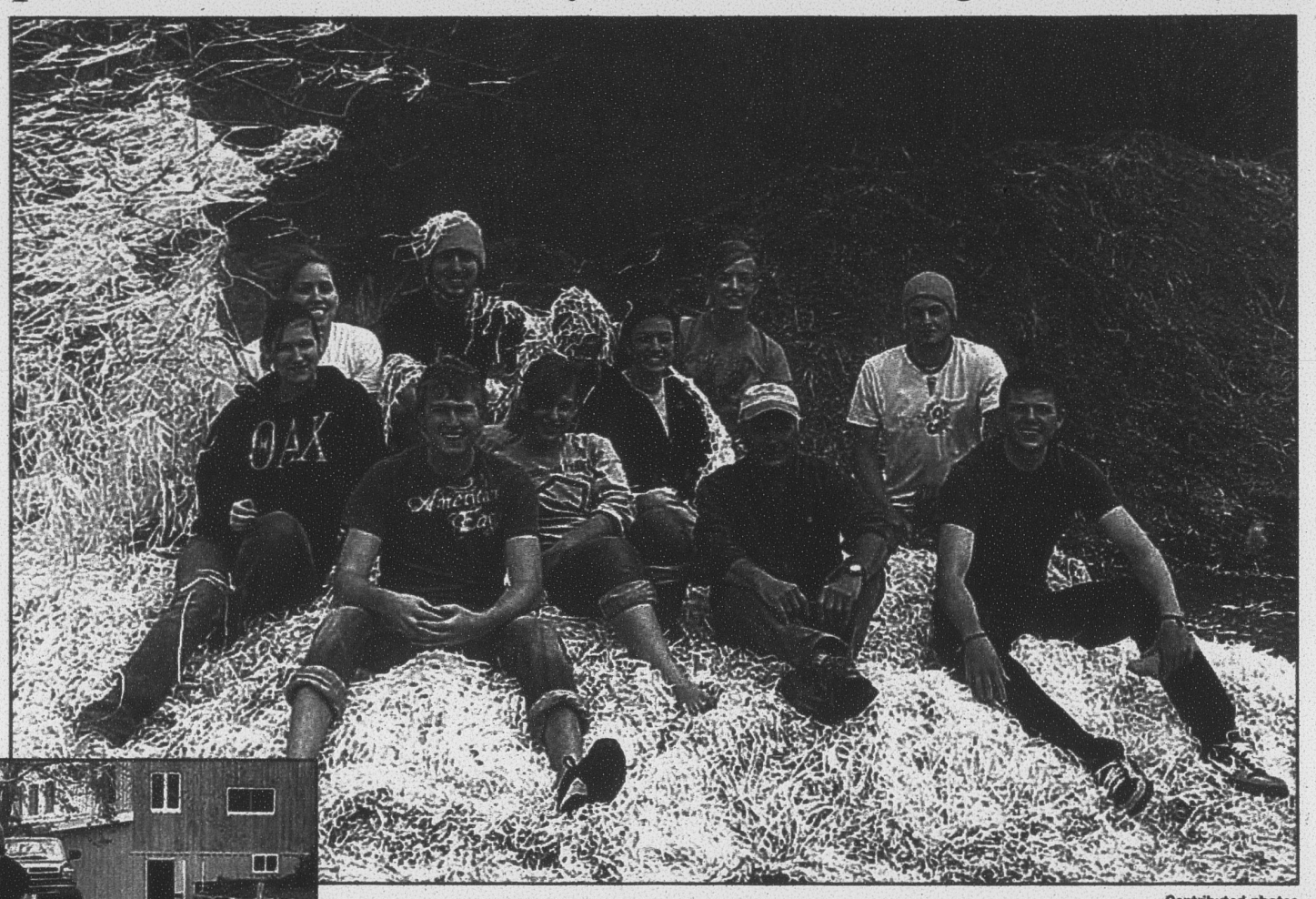
"I was overwhelmed by the turnout and the number of trees planted by the Green Party in the Nursery at the Field Station" Harms said.

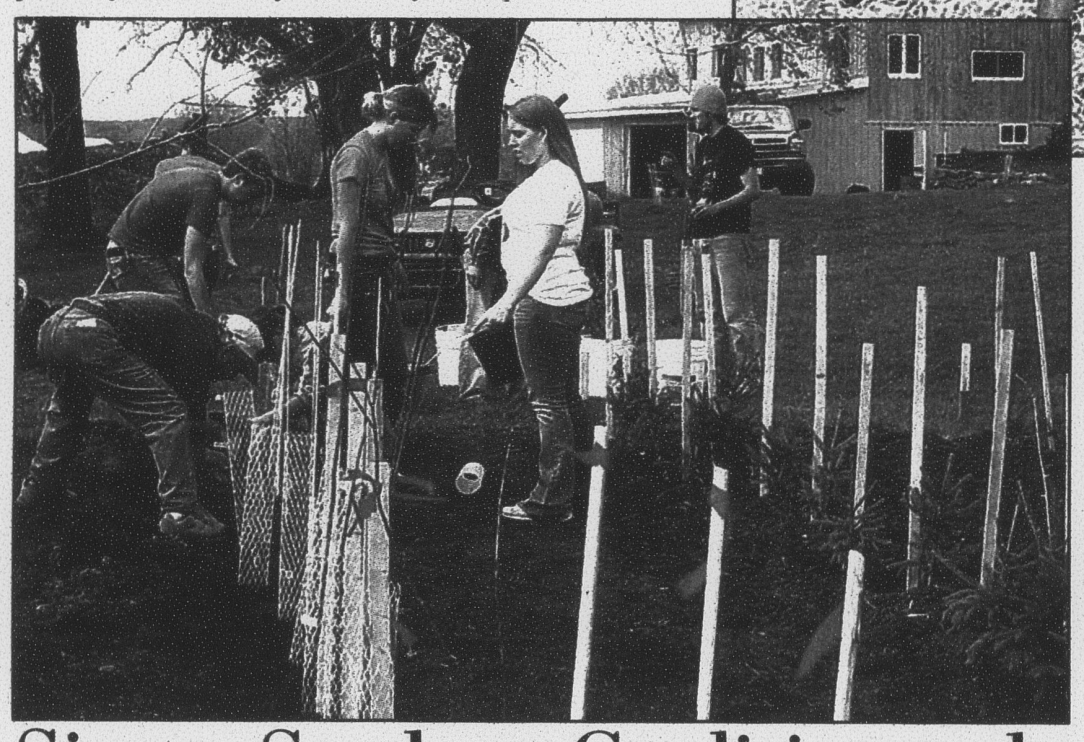
Members of the Green Party also brought in a guest speaker for the event; Thomas Marti, an active member of the Green Party of PA. After the tree planting and compost diving, students gathered at Sandy Edminston Memorial Labyrinth to hear Marti speak. Marti discussed what students could do in order to live a more environmentally friendly life.

The students who participated in this event plan to return to the Field Station to check on the trees that the planted throughout the year, and their growth progress.

Arbor Day is celebrated not only in the United States, but throughout other countries around the world as well. For more information on Arbor Day, you can visit the National Arbor Day Foundation's website at www.arborday.org.

Contact Marissa Danney for more information on the Green Party on campus





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Sierra Student Coalition to lead Adopt-a-Highway cleanup

Group maintains exit off of Interstate 80, retains memory of Sandi Edmiston

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Sierra Student Coalition (SSC) will do its part to keep the earth clean by having their biannual Adopt -A - Highway cleanup on Sunday May 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Very few people are willing to clean up after other's messes; however, SSC stands for keeping the earth clean in whatever way they can. The group invites all students to join them as they travel to their section of Route 80 and do a much-needed pick up of the trash along the side of the road. SSC has been a part of the Adopt -A - Highway program since January of 2006 and according to SSC president, Hollyann Leach, it is a win-win program.

"It didn't cost us anything to do it and everything is provided to us through PennDOT," Leach said. It's great for individuals on campus who don't have a lot of time, but still want to participate in something environmental."

Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, faculty advisor to SSC, and Leach both decided to become part of the program after discussing ideas at a meeting last year. Through the program, they were able to "adopt" or agree to pick up trash along a one-mile section of route 80 on the west side of the Mercer exit.

"We figured it was a good way to get the group's name out there as well as do something good for the environment," Mistry said.

Accoding to Leanna Stitt, SSC president for the 2007-08 school year, the group will be participating in numerous activities next year, in addition to the Adopt- A-Highway program, to make themselves more environmentally conscious.

"We (the SCC) will pursue many new endeavors during the 2007-08 school year that will hopefully aid in fostering a deeper appreciation of the environment in students, faculty, and community members alike," Stitt said.

Some of those activities include having kick-off organic dinner to recruit new members, attending a Legacy Conference and Spirit and Nature conference in honor of, avid environmentalist, Rachel Carson, updating campus recycling procedures, participating in air nature painting sessions at Neshannock Creek, hosting the second annual Earth Day 5k race and much more.

The founder of SSC was 2005 graduate, Sandy Edmiston. She started the group out of innate passion for nature and her desire to inform others of its value.

"Be careful, New Wilmington; our open land and uncrowded roads are precious things, Edmiston said," There are those who would not value them for their proper worth; let us remind each other to first do no harm."

Edmiston had an article published in The Globe just a month before her tragic rock climbing accident which reminded people to "plant trees, use halogen light bulbs, volunteer along the way, use public transportation, bike, and walk when possible."

Stitt feels that the growth of the organization over the years would have made Edmiston proud. For now, she and current president, Leach, are focused on making Sunday's Adopt- A- Highway activity a success, despite what they may encounter

"We've actually found some very interesting stuff when we've done highway cleanings before such as mattresses, tires, and fast food bags," Leach said. "It's surprising the kinds of things people throw away."

Sandy Edmiston, 2005 graduate of Westminster College, "Be careful, New Wilmington. Our open land and uncrowded roads are precious things. There are those who would not value them for their proper worth. Let us remind each other to first do no harm."

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WESPYs to take place May 8

Outstanding student athletes, one faculty member to be honored during ceremony

By Bill Nichols
Campus writer

Westminster Exceptional Sports Performance of the Year awards sponsored by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be held May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The ceremony is made up of several awards and recognitions, starting with the Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards which goes to the top female and male athletic senior with the highest GPA.

Following that is the recognition of all student-athletes who won academic honors during the season.

The Honorary Titan Award is given to a non-student who has been a loyal friend and supporter of Titan athletics voted on by athletic department staff members. They take time to acknowledge each of the 18 varsity sports teams and give the MVP award for each team.

"All WESPY awards are voted on by the SAAC except for THE WESPY which is voted on by e-mail by the entire campus." said Jim Dafler, athletic director.

There are nine awards in total, including "Comeback Athlete of the Year" which is awarded to athletes who have come back from injury, illness, or absence from the team during the past year.

"Rookie of the Year" is awarded to two newcomers who made a significant impact on their respective teams. "Unsung Hero," given to athletes of junior or senior class rank who made their team and Westminster better through their role modeling and positive student-athlete image.

Three coaching awards; "Outstanding Coach of the Year", "Assistant Coach of the Year", and "Outstanding Team of the Year." "Outstanding Team Comeback in One Contest or Competition" is awarded to one women's team and one men's team across all varsity sports.

The "Towering Titan Faculty Member" award is given to a faculty member who has supported Titan athletics and student-athletes.

The WESPY honors one male and one female for an exceptional sports performance in one contest or competition.

There are also two special awards given out for women only and for men only.

These awards are awarded to a senior student-athlete who best exemplifies Titan athletics through the qualities of fairness, sportsmanship, leadership, determination, and competitiveness. They're the "Marjorie A. Walker" award for women and the "David B. Fawcett" award for men.

"There are student MC's for the event and they are SAAC seniors. This program was developed by the SAAC and it is organized almost exclusively by SAAC members and some of their varsity sport teammates." said Dafler.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

NFL draft: 2007's winners and losers

Forget the first pick overall, the most exciting part of the NFL draft was the second pick.

This is when new commissioner Roger Goodell approached the podium and announced, "With the second pick in the NFL draft, the Detroit Lions select to ruin their draft and take a receiver for the fourth time in the past last five years of the NFL draft. "

What a strategy that has been. All yeah, Matt Millen, I have a copy of Jerry Jones' book, 'The NFL Draft for Dummies' just off of the stage."

In all seriousness, the Detroit Lions did not screw up that bad. After all, they did take the consensus best player coming out in this year's draft.

It's just that they are a terrible team with many needs to address and they go and employ the same strategy that has burnt them so many times in the past.

Lions' fans should not feel too bad, because the award for biggest blunder of the draft goes hands down to the Miami Dolphins.

Ted Ginn Jr. with the ninth overall pick was as bad a pick as we have seen in recent years. Don't get me wrong, Ted Ginn Jr. has the potential to be a great NFL player, as long as he tones down the touchdown celebrations a little bit, but the ninth overall pick was too high to take him.

Raider nation had a productive weekend by drafting potential star NFL quarterback JaMarcus Russell and ridding themselves of locker room cancer Randy Moss. Russell will certainly have a lot of good chances this year.

There is a lot of potential throwing to receivers like Alvis Whitted, Mike Williams, who was one of the Detroit Lions first round receivers gone wrong, and the next receiver the raiders sign off of the waiver wire.

How about that stalwart offensive line in Oakland? I think they have former first rounder and top five pick Robert Gallery.

That's right; he is the one with the dubious title of worst offensive lineman ever to be taken in the top five.

JaMarcus, you certainly have some great chances this year, like lowest completion percentage of a starting quarterback, thanks to stud wideouts, and the league's highest chance of ending up on the disabled list from leading the league in most times being sacked.

It is time to give some credit to one of my favorite franchises to talk badly about.

The Cleveland Browns had a great draft. It should be a great dogfight between the Browns and Steelers to see who finishes in the division's basement.

Looking at the NFL draft in general, am I the only one who thinks the NFL draft, or for that matter any draft, is overrated?

Nothing like waiting 90 minutes between picks to see who your favorite team takes.

The draft is a great thing to watch while simultaneously watching something else.

It is okay to check back occasionally but to watch all 14 hours of it is unhealthy, not to mention *pathetic*.

By the third round teams are taking the tackle from Montana State that nobody has heard of and frankly, I could care less that his sister was in the 2004 Olympics and now lives in Butte, Mt. with her husband and four kids.

Butte, now there is a topic worth talking about.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Track teams experience many highlights in 2007

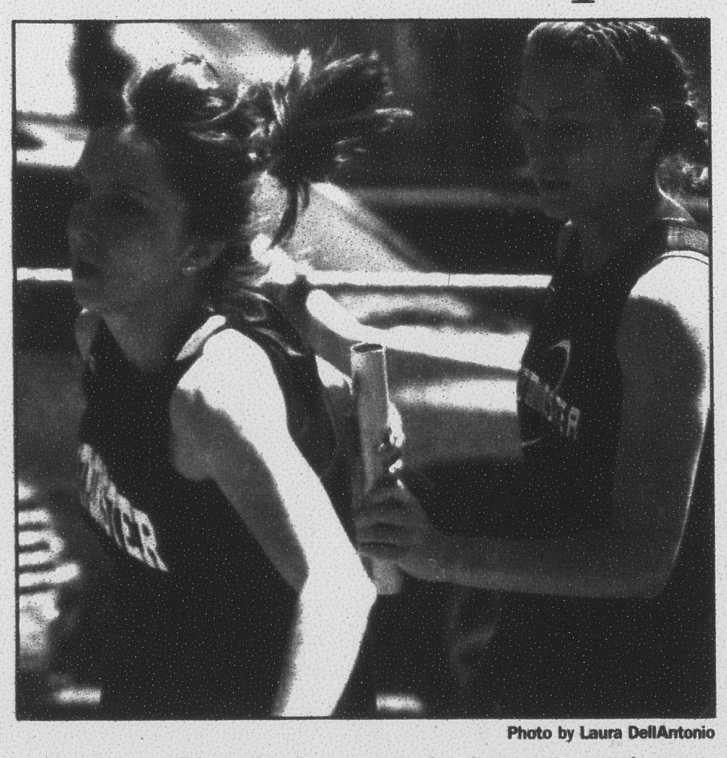

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Freshman Alicia Crum passes the baton to sophomore Megan Harding in the 4X100m relay. The Lady Titans placed second at the PAC Championships on April 28, and 4X100m team set a new school record with a time of 49.72.

By Bob Long
Sports writer

With PAC's out of the way, the track season is practically finished with the women placing second and the men sixth.

There were a multitude of highlights on the season and the team looks very prepared for the upcoming year. The Titans will have plenty of talent returning and many records to break as they head into the 2007 off-season.

The girls team was outstanding all year long and showed this same tenacity as they entered the PAC tournament. The girls took second place in the conference with many girls setting new records and competing like Westminster never has before.

The Westminster women took four first place finishes in the tournament on April 29. Possibly the most impressive of all these finishes had to be in the hurdles.

In the 100 meter hurdles preliminary round, Kate Kushner took 1st with a time of 15.67 and was followed by fellow Westminster hurdler Abbey Basta with a time of 15.68. This was then followed by the final round of the 100 hurdles where Kushner dominated with a time of 15.55.

The ladies also won the 400 meter hurdles, Kate Kushner and Veronica Geretz took 1st and 2nd with times of 1:06.97 and 1:07.61.

The lady hurdlers led the way but were not the only first place finishers. Rebecca Shiner won the 1500 meter race by an awe inspiring 3 full seconds. Its performances like these that led the Westminster women's team to second place in the PAC.

"This year I was nervous because coach told me that I had to run both the 1500 & the 800 at PAC's, and I was seated 3rd in the event so that put a little bit more pressure on me to do well," Shiner said when asked about how the team finished and her showing in the 1500.

"However, with 300 meters of the last lap left I felt like I had a lot left so I just turned it on and came out on top. We really wanted to win PAC's, but looking back the track program has grown with leaps and bounds in the last 2 years, I think that we did amazing and we will get them next year, I'm sure of that," Shiner said.

The men's team placed sixth in the PAC's and was led by the performance of Scott Seserko in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Scott ran a time of 10:16.98 to place second in the event.

Other top finishers for the men were the 400 meter run and the javelin. Scott Davenport placed eighth in the 400 with a time of 53.01.

In the javelin, Damon Neal finished third with a toss of 50.68 meters. The Westminster women scored 122 points in their second place finish to go along with 16 points for the men.

The Titans have one final event for the year as they head to Ohio. Westminster will finish the season May 5 and 6 at the Jesse Owens classic.

Softball team wins three of four; now hold 11-1 record in PAC

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

The Lady Titans played four games in the past week coming out victorious in three. The Lady Titans defeated Thomas More in a double header and Geneva while losing to Hiram. These wins bring the Titans record to 23-11 and 11-1 in PAC play.

On Thursday, April 26, the Lady Titans took on Hiram for non-conference play here in New Wilmington.

Although the Lady Titans battled hard, they were unable to claim the win as Hiram won with a score of 11-1.

The Ladies took the lead in the first inning when Jennifer Pancake hit a double, scoring Jennifer Emery.

This wasn't enough however for Hiram soon took the lead and kept on rolling to overcome the Titans. "Well there's really not much to say," states Maria Joseph, "We made some costly errors and could not climb back up."

Although the Lady Titans had a bad game, they didn't let it knock them down. On Saturday, March 28, the Ladies defeated Thomas More in both games of a double header with scores of 10-2 and 5-1 respectively.

With this win the Lady Titans were able to take first place in PAC and earn the top seed in the PAC Championships.

In the first game Jen Emery hit a homerun in the third inning to score two other runners for the Ladies.

While Thomas More was able to gain one run on the Titans in the Third inning, the Lady Titans came back hard with seven runs in the fourth inning including another two run homerun by Jennifer Pancake.

Although the Lady Titans had to travel all the way to Thomas More they were not phased.

"Everybody stepped it up and played to their full potential," freshman Addie Parker said. "After such a long bus ride, we came out fired up and ready to play, and we ended up on top."

Although the Lady Titans blew Thomas More out of the water, they had a little more trouble with Pitt Bradford in a non-conference game on Tuesday, May 1. The Ladies were able to claim the win with a score of 5-4.

The Titans were able to get off twelve hits six of which were split by Parker, Pancake, and Joseph each having two hit's a piece.

"The rain made it hard to stay focused," Parker said. "But we did what we needed to do to get the win."

The PAC Championships will begin this weekend as the Lady Titans take on Bethany on Friday at 11:00.

"We know that we haven't won PACs yet," Pancake said. "So we have to take one game at a time and put everything we have into these games this weekend."

Baseball team to wrap up season

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The baseball team posted a 2-3 record in five games over the weekend against Pitt-Greensburg and Saint Vincent.

The Titans split a doubleheader at Pitt-Greensburg Friday, April 27, losing 11-5 and winning 15-6. The Titans also split a home doubleheader Saturday, April 28, against Saint Vincent, winning 5-4 and losing 7-3, before dropping a game at Saint Vincent Sunday, April 29, 15-6.

The highlight of the weekend came in the first Saint Vincent game Saturday as the Titans rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning to score three runs.

Sophomore John Izzo hit a walk-off RBI double scoring classmate Mike Busin for the game-winner. Earlier in the inning, Busin plated sophomore Nick Maiorano on a bases-loaded fielder's choice and junior David Colella singled home junior Brandon Drespling for the second run of the inning.

Izzo, who batted 9 for 20 in the five games during the weekend, led the Titans in the first Saint Vincent game on Saturday by going 2 for 4 with a run scored and two RBI.

Izzo also led the Titans by going 3-4 in the 11-5 loss to Pitt-Greensburg and by going 2 for 3 in the 7-3 loss to Saint Vincent.

In the other win of the weekend, junior Donnie Kirkwood went 4 for 5 with three runs scored as the Titans earned a split by winning the second Pitt-Greensburg game, 15-6.

Junior Donnie Womeldorff also went 3 for 4 with three runs and three RBI, while Colella went 3 for 5 with three runs and an RBI. Womeldorff also went 4 for 5 with a run scored and two RBI in the loss at Saint Vincent Sunday.

Winning pitchers for the Titans during the weekend included sophomore Cory Baker registering the win in the nightcap at Pitt-Greensburg, going 2 2/3 innings with one run, two hits, and one walk in relief of Izzo, who started the game and lasted 4 1/3 innings.

Junior Andrew Robison won the first game of Saturday's doubleheader with Saint Vincent as he went 1 1/3 innings, giving up a run and a hit with two walks and a strikeout in relief of senior Tony Cunningham, who pitched the first 5 2/3 innings, giving up three runs on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts.

Losing pitchers were freshman Mike McCoy in the first Pitt-Greensburg game, junior Jake Zatchok in the second Saint Vincent game Saturday and junior Scott Carney, who did not make it out of the first inning of Sunday's Saint Vincent game when the Bearcats scored six runs off six hits.

The baseball team dropped a non-conference game against visiting Pitt-Greensburg, 12-7, Tuesday, May 1. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was rained out.

The Titans led 3-2 through two innings before the Bobcats scored three runs in the third inning and four runs in the fourth inning to take a commanding 9-3 lead.

The Titans compiled 11 hits compared to Pitt-Greensburg's 15-hit attack. Womeldorff, Drespling and Colella each had two hits apiece for the Titans, along with freshman Dave Evans.

Facing a 2-0 deficit, the Titans took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the second inning when Evans hit an RBI single through the left side,

Womeldorff hit a sacrifice fly and Kirkwood singled home Evans for the first of his team-high two RBI for the game. Drespling also hit a solo home run in the sixth inning for the other notable Titan hit.

Pitt-Greensburg retook the lead in the top of the third inning when they hit a two-out RBI double off Titans starting sophomore pitcher Gary DeBaldo. DeBaldo lasted 3 1/3 innings after surrendering nine runs on nine hits with a walk and two strikeouts.

The Titans will play their final regular season PAC games this weekend beginning with a nine-inning game at home against Bethany Friday, May 4 at 4 p.m. The Titans then plays at Bethany Sunday, May 6 for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

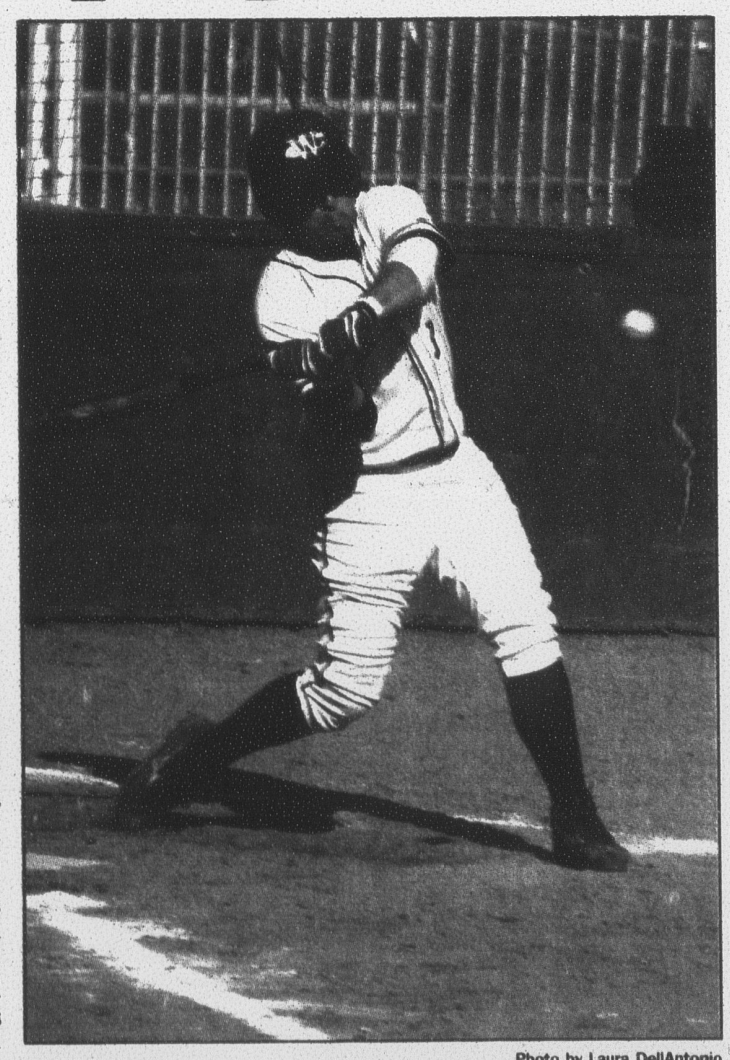

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sophomore John Izzo hits an RBI in the win against Saint Vincent on April 28. The Titans will host Bethany on May 4 at 4:00 p.m. and Pitt-Greensburg for a double header on May 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Best of the past two years, forever

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

As if graduation didn't seem surreal enough, I'm here writing my final review of my two-year reign as movie critic and A&E editor for The Holcad. This time of year compels normally cynical people to act nostalgic and sentimental; therefore I am retiring with an article dedicated to the best movies I've seen in the past two years.

I've reviewed many films over the past few years, and have seen even more. However, there are six that stand out as exceptional to me, and I've listed them here, in no particular order:

The Best of 2005-2007

1. The Constant Gardener (2005)
2. Brokeback Mountain (2005)
3. Walk the Line (2005)
4. The Departed (2006)
5. The Queen (2006)
6. Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

I hope that you decide to rent some, if not all, of these fine films and treat yourself to some cinematic quality. However, if you don't find anything to your taste in the six movies listed above, I have compiled a list of ten of my favorite movies, again, in no particular order, that encompass a wide range of genres; from classic to foreign to dramatic and to some that I find absolutely hilarious:

10 movies you should see:

1. Casablanca
2. The Shawshank Redemption
3. The Godfather (Parts I & II)
4. Cinema Paradiso
5. Best in Show
6. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
7. Office Space
8. Fargo
9. Pulp Fiction
10. Dances with Wolves

Perhaps you will fall in love with some of these films as I have, and maybe you'll step outside your comfort zone to view something different or unique. To me, movies are about the experience and the feelings they invoke. Like various cuisine; they come in all forms and impact people in different ways (like how Sodexho food impacts people in a negative, violent way). That's the clichéd magic of movies, and I'm sure my successor will be able to offer you some great reviews with a different perspective. I'm happy to have shared my passion for film with you for the past two years- au revoir.

Don't miss Sherri's senior send-off bio on Page B-4.

Art majors present capstone work to campus community

By Katie Chandley
Staff Writer

Senior art majors revealed the final products of their capstones Friday, April 27 in the Orr Art Gallery.

The evening began at 6 p.m. with presentations by seniors Natalie Coccia, Jessie Dvorzak, Rachael Cooper, Courtney Thompson, Blake Ordell, Amber Scalfari and Carrie Schweiger. Each senior spoke of their experiences as an art student and also of their specific projects. The event was lead by Professor Peggy Cox.

The show featured many different art genres and media, from sculpture to graphic design. Courtney Thompson used her project to pay tribute to the musical stars of the golden era.

"My capstone was a series on the Golden Era Musical. The series includes collage and acrylic, graphite and digital graphics. The subject sparked my interest last semester in a film studies class. I wanted to create homage to the most talented and influential figures of the musical of all time: Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Gene Kelly. In each piece, I tried to capture their movements, eloquence and passion of each dance."

After college, Thompson plans to further her career as an artist, but also in conjunction with teaching.

"I have a job teaching Spanish and coaching soccer at Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News, Va.," Thompson said. "In a couple years, I will have the opportunity to teach several art classes as well. I will also always be painting, so you could theoretically say that my post-graduate plans will most definitely involve being an artist."

Jessie Dvorzak commented during her presentation that the only requirement of the capstone was to "make art." But like any major's capstone, the Art requirements shouldn't be underestimated. The seniors met weekly as a class and met rigorous deadlines.

"I think we all worked quite well together as a group, meeting every week and discussing our progress. Once when our professor didn't show up, we had class anyway, sharing comments and suggestions for each other's work" Dvorzak said.

"I focused on a theme of communicating, whether it is language, music, or even instant messaging," Dvorzak said. In all, my display includes over fifty abstract compositions relating to the various ways we interact socially and convey our thoughts and emotions to each other."

Pieces created by Amber Scalfari are hard to ignore as one passes through the gallery. A large black structure with bits of colorful glass sits in the far corner, surrounded by mirror panels decorated in every color of the rainbow.

"This project is a conceptual self-portrait using two widely embraced symbols, the cross and the rainbow, intentioned to display reflection on the relationship to these symbols, as well as conveying life's perpetual influence," Scalfari said.

Amber used the familiar song lyrics from "The Wizard of Oz" to help inspire her work:

A place where there isn't any trouble-,
Do you suppose there is such a place?
It is not a place you can get to by boat or train,
It's far, far away,
Behind the moon,
Beyond the rain,
Somewhere over the rainbow.

All of the senior capstone projects are currently on display in the Orr Art Gallery.

Photo by Katie Chandley

The *Wizard of Oz*-inspired work of Amber Scalfari is an eye-catcher in the art gallery of Patterson hall.

Photo by Katie Chandley

Students and community members gather at art gallery talk to listen to senior captstone students and view their art

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Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

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Open Saturday, inde. males invited, too.

Monday, May 7, you may see individuals on or near the campus in hooded robes (generally either black or purple in color). In both cases, these are part of the initiation rituals that chapters will be conducting. Do not be alarmed if you see individuals "robed up".

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Arts & Entertainment

Contemporary poet, Huang Xiang to read Chinese poetry

Source: post-gazette.com

China native, Huang Xiang will read his poetry on May 7th in Mueller Theater as part of the Heinz Lecture Series.

By Julie Maryan
Campus Writer

Heinz Lecture Series is sponsoring contemporary poet, Huang Xiang, to read his poetry Monday, May 7, at 7p.m. in Mueller Theater.

Xiang has been writing poems since the 1950s, and he gained international attention when he traveled with friends to Beijing and posted political poems on a wall. His action prompted the Democracy Wall Movement and as a consequence of speaking out, Xiang was put in jail for more than 12 years and put into labor camps.

According to Alana Semuels' article which appeared in the November 16, 2004, edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "It was only when a Beijing company revoked a long-awaited publishing contract because of governmental pressure that Huang saw a way out of China."

In 1997, Xiang was invited to talk to the Association of American Publishers. Accompanied by his wife, Zhang Ling, they escaped to the United States and applied for asylum.

In March of 2004, activists Ralph Reese and his wife Diane Samuels saw their hard work become reality. Reese and Samuels had been working for more than 10 years to get Pittsburgh into the Cities of Asylum program, which offers asylum to persecuted writers. In that month, Pittsburgh became the fourth city in the United States, and the thirty-fourth city in the world to join The North American Network of Cities of Asylum (cityofasylum.org).

In July of that year, Xiang and Ling visited Pittsburgh and knew that this city would be the perfect fit for them.

With help from The Mattress Factory, City of Asylum Pittsburgh, "provides temporary sanctuary to creative writers under immediate threat of extreme persecution or death in their home countries," according to The Mattress Factory's website. "The hosted writer receives a residence and a living stipend for up to two years, so that the he or she can continue to write during a period of transition. For older writers or writers whose health has been harmed by torture and imprisonment, the freedom to continue writing is especially critical. Ideally, the political climate will change in the writer's home country and the writer can return home. But if this is not possible, the hosting period is used to help the writer stabilize his or her situation in the U.S."

Dr. Bryan Rennie, coordinator of the Heinz Lecture Series, sees Xiang's poetry reading as an opportunity.

"He speaks completely in Chinese," Rennie said. "But he is very dynamic. It's quite a performance."

Bringing Xiang to campus is coordinated with the Religion and History of China cluster course. Rennie believes that the reading will be, "particularly helpful to those students studying China, but each person who comes would benefit."

"We have a tendency to become so local. If we are more exposed to the foreign, we become comfortable with the more foreign," Rennie said. "I'm hoping that people will take some of that with them . . .that there are different ways that we can do things."

"After studying abroad and traveling in countries where I didn't understand the language, I realized that communication is about much more than just words," senior Ashley Johnson said. "I am excited about the opportunity to expand my exposure to another culture."

Bands and wind ensemble to perform

By Kathryn Zetzer
Campus writer

The college will be celebrating a weekend of music as the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble perform together Friday, May 4, and the Jazz Ensemble performs Saturday, May 5.

Performing collectively at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium, the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band have a wide assortment of music. The Wind Ensemble performs new and established band literature. Along with many other pieces, this ensemble will be performing Eric Whitacre's "Ghost Train," a multi-movement work featuring a saxophone solo and jazz piano solo, played by Mr. Jim Flowers and Mr. Jeff Wachter, respectively.

Focusing on contemporary tonalities and unorthodox techniques, the score calls for a bowed gong which is used to depict the screeching of wheels against train tracks. This 17-minute piece depicts a train moving across the countryside, the hustle and bustle of a train station and the supernatural existence of a ghost train.

"I'm excited for Friday's performance, because we are playing a really awesome song called the 'Ghost Train,'" said junior Cortney Fry. "When you listen, the music has this eerie sound that you would associate with a haunted train station."

The Symphonic Band will be performing four pieces that are paradigms in band literature, beginning with Jamie Texador's "Amparito Roco," a Spanish march. The march was chosen in honor of the Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir's recent trip to Spain last December. Playing many Spanish themed pieces, the program adds a classic, Gustav Holst's "First Suite in E flat."

The concert will conclude with both bands combining to perform their traditional performance of the college's alma mater. "The Westminster Hymn," first premiered in 2005 and arranged by Cormac Canon, ends the concert with a reminder that the year has come to an end.

"I am very proud of what both groups have accomplished this year, and I am honored to have served my fellow musicians and friends as band president this year," said junior Jenna Diorio.

Directed by Dr. R. Tad Greig, the collective musical talent of both the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble ensure that the audience will find something in the program that appeals to them.

Fortunate to have so much musical diversity on campus, the Wind Ensemble is composed of 46 members, many of whom are music majors. These members are selected through an audition process. The scores for the auditions are designed to challenge musicians to their full potential. The Symphonic Band is a larger group and plays two major concerts a year.

"One of the things that is special about this college is our musical programs," Greig said. "These programs challenge students, as will be shown on Friday and Saturday; we are truly fortunate to have so much musical diversity."

Adding to this musical weekend, the Jazz Ensemble will be performing the following Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Berlin Lounge under the direction of Andrew Erb. This trumpet professor has chosen a wide variety of charts. Opening with "Time for a Change" written by Hank Levey for the Stan Kenton Band, this program is sure to enthuse all types of audiences. Students and faculty are welcome and encouraged to attend both performances.

Chamber singers and concert choir perform

By Christina Alducka
Contributing Writer

Last Sunday Apr. 29, the Chamber Singers and Concert Choir held their spring semester concert in the W. Charles Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Under the direction of Dr. Robin A. Lind, the Chambers Singers opened the concert with "O Lord of All, Thou Love Divine" bv Johannes Brahms. After performing two more pieces, the Concert Choir gathered on stage to sing.

"Members of the Concert Choir are a close knit family," said Katherine Menhorn, the group's current president. Menhorn has participated in both the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and refers to them as "a great musical experience."

During the Concert Choir's showcase, two of Westminster's juniors had the opportunity to conduct their final projects from last fall semester's conducting class. Sheila Barnhart conducted Daniel Moe's "Requiem Motet" and Jason Perry chose Gyorgy Orbán's "Daemon Irrepit Callidus."

On "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," by Mack Wilberg, junior Craig Dressler accompanied the Concert Choir with the organ. Graduating senior, Rachel Hammond played piano to David N. Child's "The Moon is Distant from the Sea."

The Chamber Singers concluded with Michele Weir's "Dream with the Angels," with an outstanding solo by Any Gregg.

The Concert Choir congregated on the stage one last time to sing a contemporary piece titled "Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine" by Eric Whitacre. This song featured percussionists Josh Sarchet, Shannon Smith, and Diana Peet.

Before the Concert Choir ended their show, senior members were applauded for their dedication and talent. Select underclassmen spoke on behalf of each senior, stating how they impacted their choir experience.

The excellent concert concluded with "Love is Here to Stay" by George Gershwin.

The last day of Concert Choir tryouts will be on Tuesday, May 8th from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If interested, meet with Dr. Lind.

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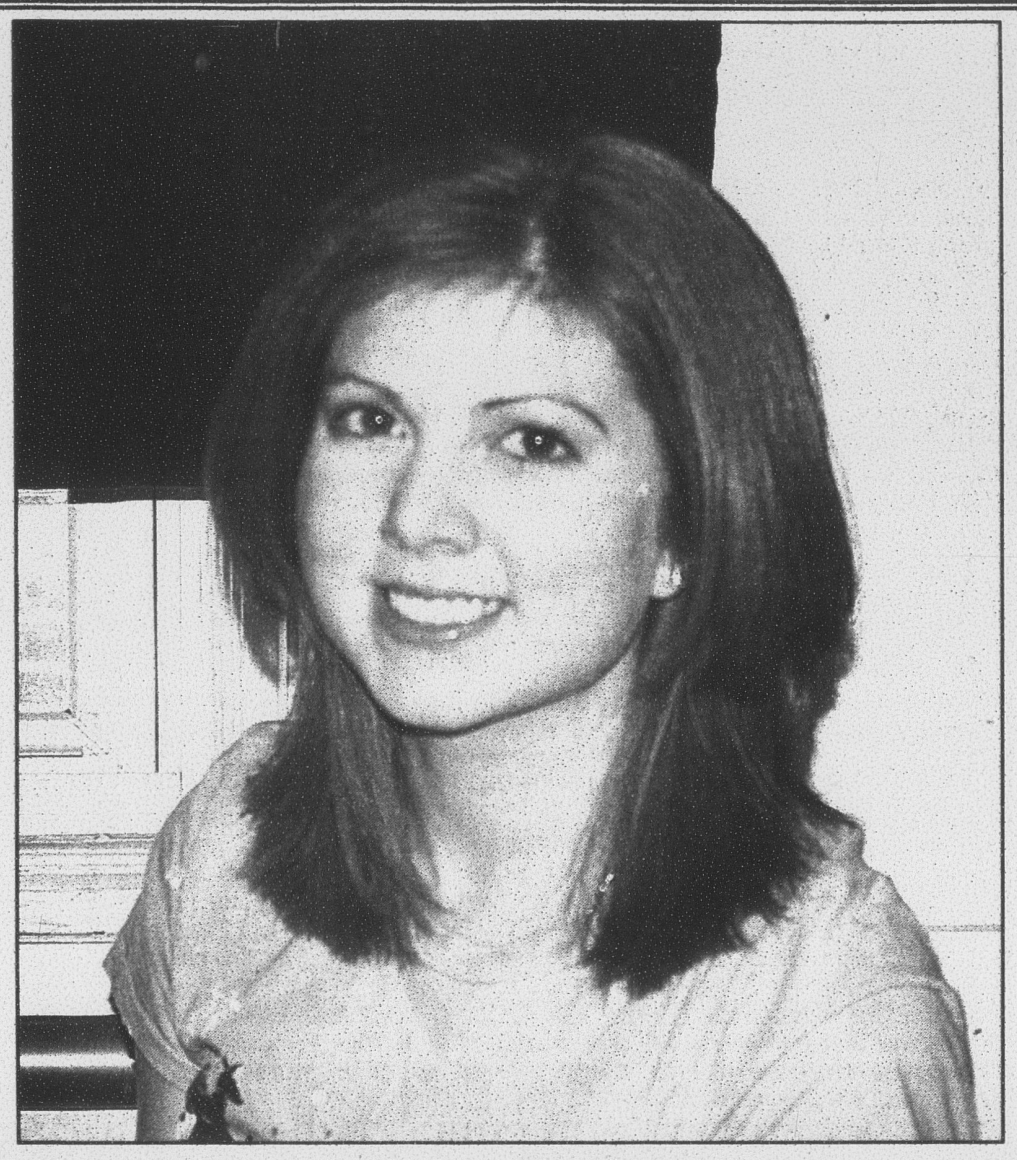

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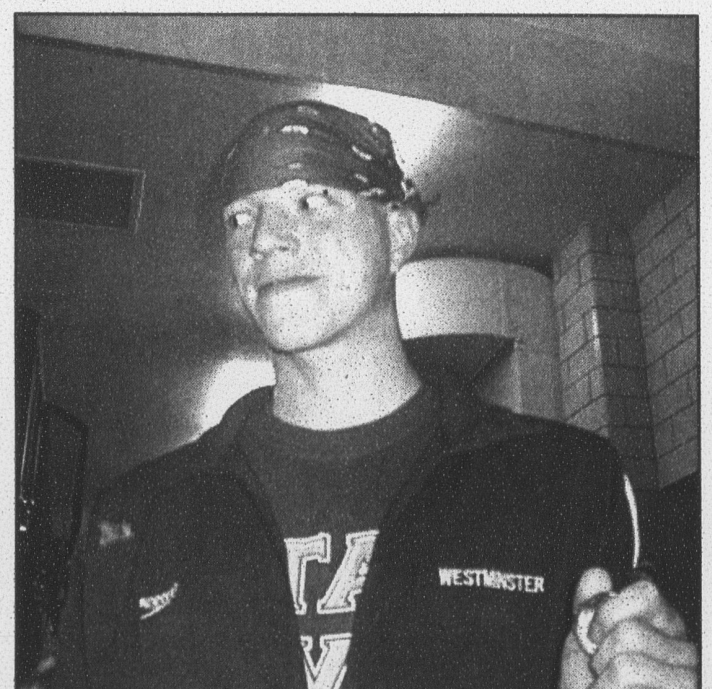
Minor: Soc/Criminal Justice
Plans post-graduation: I'm really putting my major to work by moving out to Los Angeles, Ca. to do fashion photography!
Thing you don't know about me: Chances are good that I have embarassing pictures of you that you dont know about.

Katie Chandley

Name: Katie Chandley
Major: English and Secondary Education
Plans post-graduation: to not become a crazy cat lady
Pancakes or waffles and why? Pancakes because waffles are impossible to butter, unless they are the mini-egos that you can put in the toaster....those are the best with strawberry jelly!
What would you do for a nickel? Nothing, nickels are my least favorite form of currency....they just don't fit in with the rest becuase they are too thick.
What will you take away from your Holcad experience? No matter how many times Colin sends out an email, someone will still use the tab button
Favorite pick-up line: Fancy a raisin...No? How about a date?

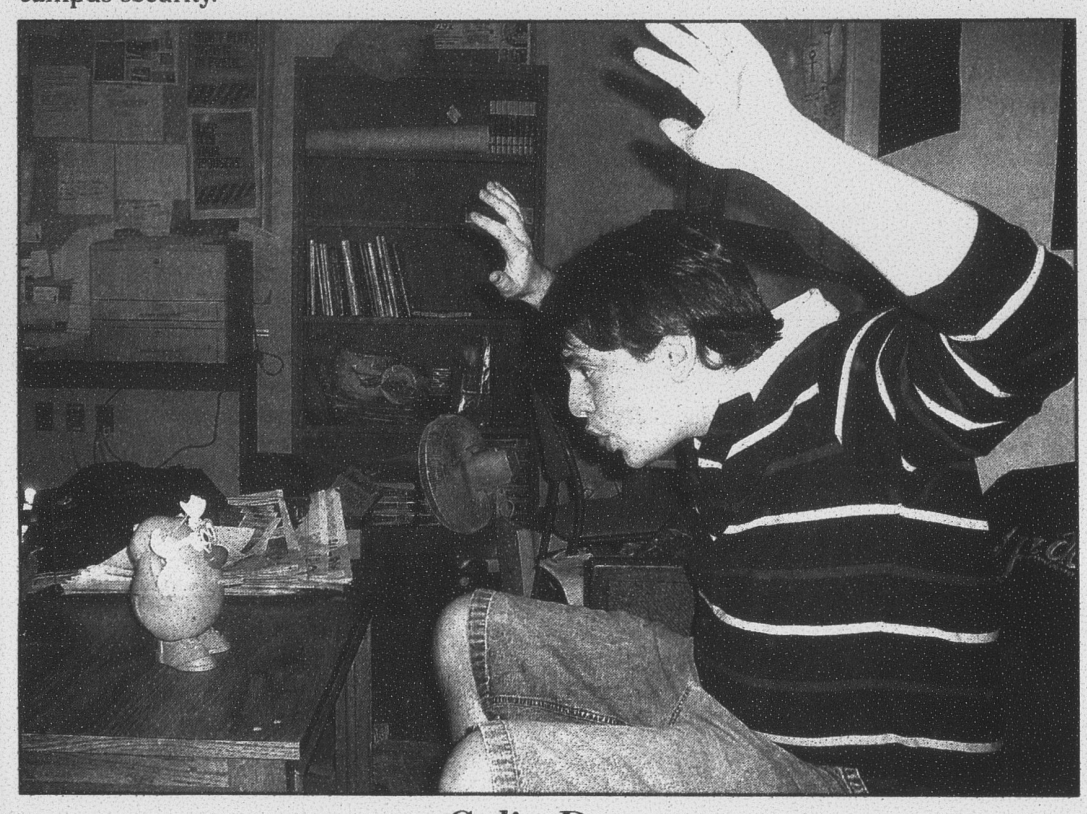


Chip Hothem

Major: English/History
Plans post-graduation: Despite graduating with honors in English and History, Hugh "Chip" Hothem will be unemployed and forced to sell his research ability to the highest bidder.

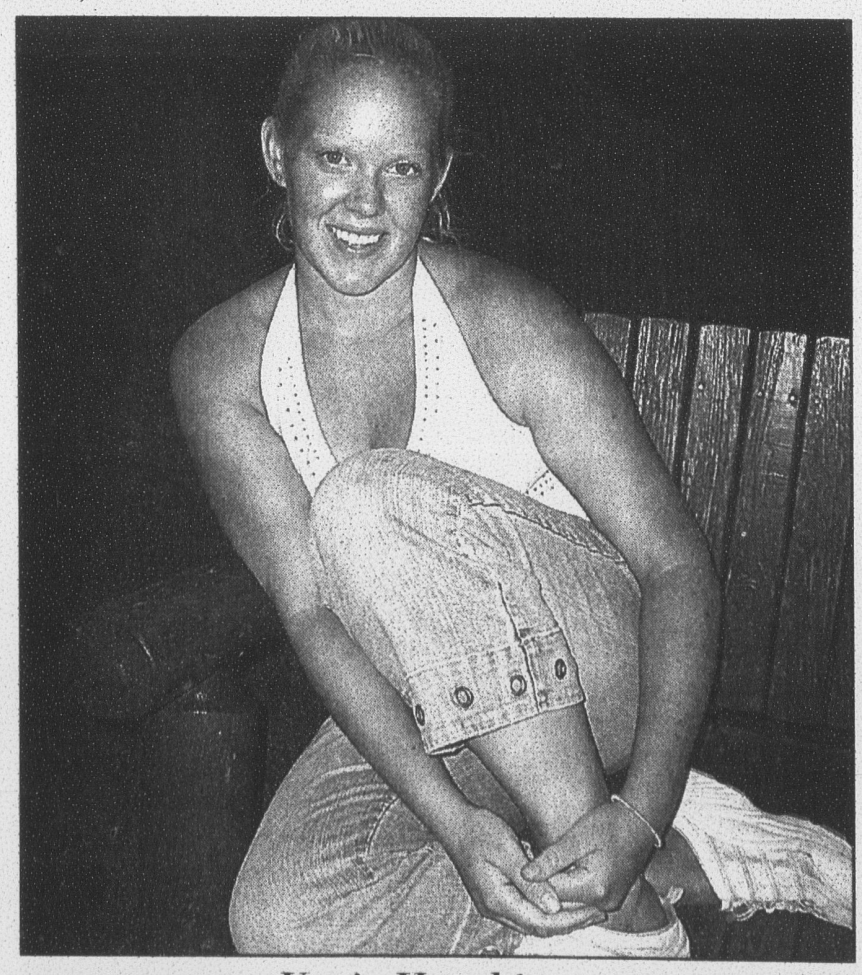
Sherri Breitigan

Major: English
Minor: Film Studies
Plans post-graduation: I will be teaching Freshman Writing and Intro to Literary Studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. In addition to corrupting/teaching innocent college freshman, I will be working on my MA in English Literature at Seton Hall and eating peanut butter sandwiches since rent outside of New York City is freakin' expensive.
Personal Motto: Clothing optional.
Favorite Holidays: Guy's Pick-up Day and Reading Day Eve
Greatest lesson learned at WC: It is possible to be blacklisted from the cafeteria by campus security.



Colin Dean

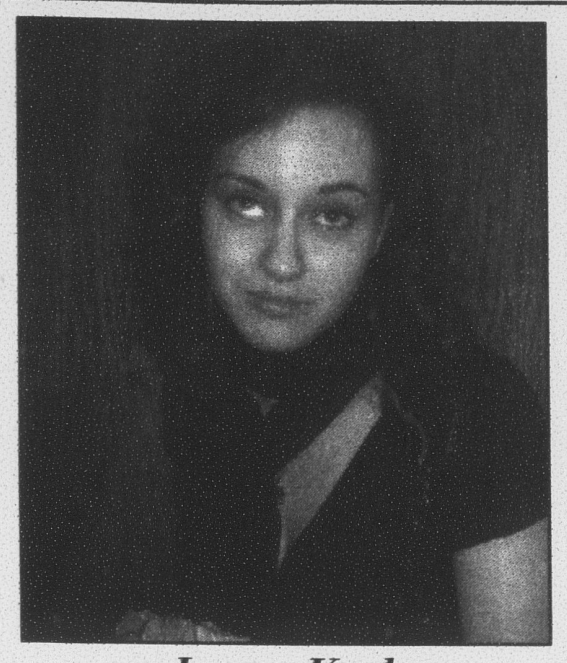
Major: Computer Science
Minor: Writing
Plans post-graduation: I'll be working towards an M.Ed. in Business Education at Robert Morris University so that I can eventually teach high school computer science and possibly journalism.
Personal motto: Crap happens. Misery is optional.
What will you take away from your Holcad experience? I can now herd cats with some semblance of proficiency.
What would you do for a nickel? I already run The Holcad, so I guess I could run the Argo or Scrawl, too?



Katie Hutchison

Major: English
Plans post-graduation: Attending the University at Buffalo for graduate studies in English Literature, leaving for Kenya the day after graduation
Personal motto: "If you want to build bridges, you have to go where the rivers are"
Waffles or pancakes: Waffles because pancakes don't have little pools for the syrup to swim in.

Honoring our seniors



Laura Kocher

Majors: English and French

Plans post-graduation: Something exciting!

Favorite Super-Power: Flying-- I'm afraid of heights, so if I could fly then I wouldn't have to worry about falling off something tall.

Greatest Lesson Learned at WC: Study abroad no matter what your major is! It will be the best thing you've ever done. You have no idea how strong you can be until you are on your own in a foreign country.

Pancakes or Waffles: Waffles! They have those fun little grids that hold extra maple syrup and butter, hooray!

Joselyn Parker

Major: Public Relations

Plans post-graduation: I will be working at Baldwin-Wallace College in the Multicultural Office, while attending Graduate School at Kent State University.

My Holcad experience has been one that I will never forget, I have taken from it hope in a greater world. I was happy that my articles have touched so many people and it makes me proud to know that if you simply have the courage to speak up, you'd realize that there are a lot more positive people in the world.
The greatest lesson that I've learned at Westminster is that a dream is nothing if don't believe in the possibility of it coming true.

Dan Prokop

Major: Public Relations

Plans post-graduation: Become an employee somewhere, preferably where I can earn a wage.

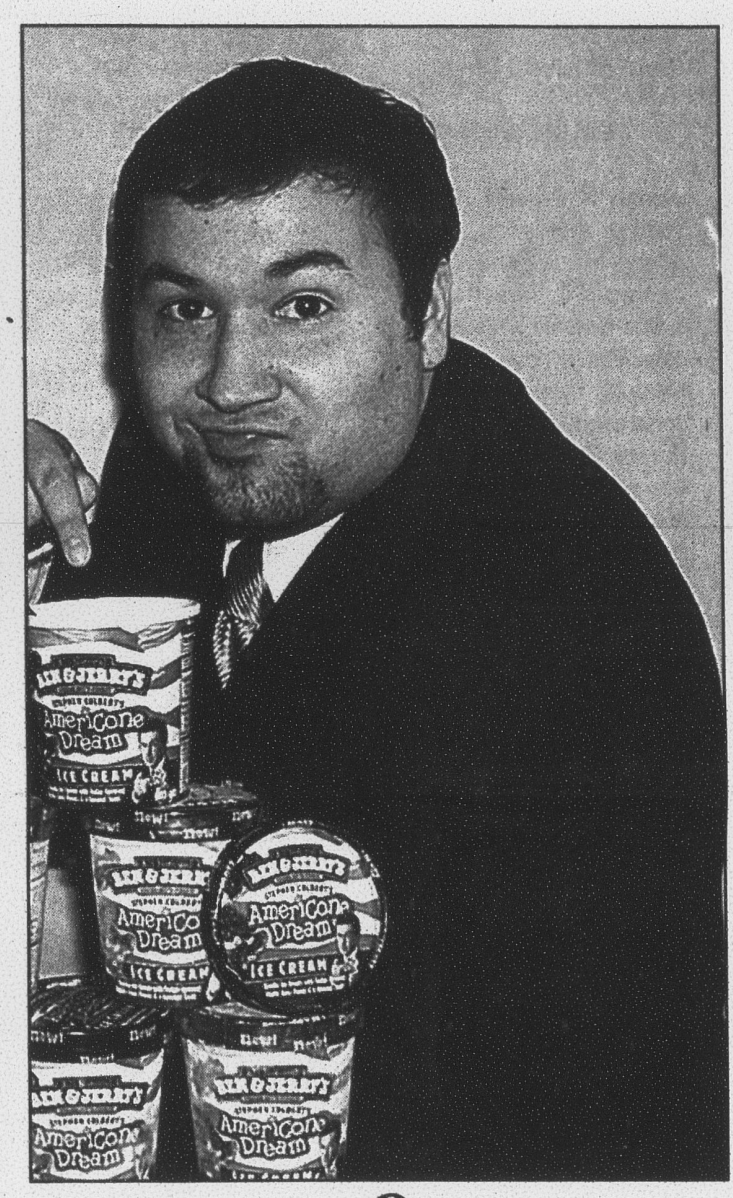
Personal Motto: If you ain't first, you're last.

Stranded on a desert island, who or what would you want with you?

My fiancé, Stephen Colbert's Americone Dream ice cream, & ManBearPig. Unless he tried to eat my ice cream or steal my girl, in which case I'd have to exchange him for more Americone Dream.

Favorite comic I've done:

The first one last year of TitanNET in bed with a student. It all just kindof went downhill from there.



Leanne Veres

Major: Broadcast Communications
Minor: Writing
Plans post-graduation: I'm hoping they involve PR, grad school, and getting out of Lawrence County.
Fun things I have done: I won the jersey off Mark Recchi's back at the Pittsburgh Penguins' last regular season game this year. I Febreezed the heck out of that thing, and it STILL smells horrible.
Pancakes or waffles and why? Neither. Give me a bowl of cereal any day.
What will you take away from your Holcad experience? That Laffy Taffy, Strong Bad, and Russian accents are the cures for all newspaper layout ills.

Three professors to say goodbye

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Three professors will retire at the conclusion of the semester after long, devout careers as teachers.

William L. Johnson, professor of Physics, Walt F. Dunlavey, professor of Business, and B. Eugene Nicholson, Physical Education professor will all trade in their chalk and red pens for the less taxing alternative of either pursuing long-time hobbies or just enjoying some well-deserved time off. According to Johnson, traveling is first on his agenda.

"My wife and I are going to Hawaii in September and plan to rent a plane when we get there to tour the islands," Johnson said.

Johnson has taught in the physics department for 36 years and has taught everything from principles of physics to the science of music. However, Johnson says some of his most interesting classes were taught outside of his discipline.

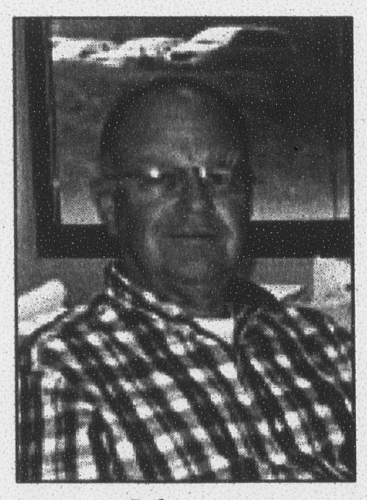
"I taught Inquiry for a number of years and really enjoyed that," Johnson said. "I also taught a travel course to Mexico where I was able to study ancient Mayan ruins and astronomy."

As a sideline, Johnson has also taught flight lessons at the New Castle Airport for ten years. He plans to continue this after he retires, while also traveling with his wife, likely via on this campus and wants students to remember to take advantage of their educational experience.

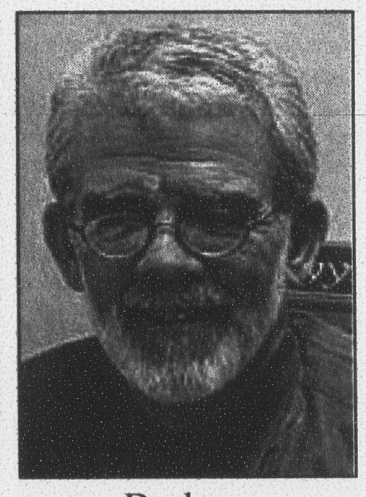
"Thirty-six years has flown by believe it or not, so four years for students will go quickly also," Johnson said. "I hope students remember to hold on to their memories and make the most of their time here."

Slightly edging out Johnson time-wise, Nicholson has been a physical education teacher and coach on campus for 38 years. During his time he has taught aquatics, racquetball, tennis, and other various fitness classes.

He has also had a variety of coaching experiences by being a part of the football coaching staff for 30 years and being the current men's head golf coach. Nicholson has also coached track and field, swimming, and even wrestling, a sport that Westminster no longer offers. Nicholson says he has valued his time as both a coach and professor.



Johnson



Dunlavey

"It has been a very enjoyable thing to develop great relationships with both student- athletes and their parents during my time here," Nicholson said.

After retiring, Nicholson plans to still coach men's golf, but only part time. This, he says, will allow him to still be part of the program, but will also give him more time to enjoy retirement by visiting his grandchildren in Massachusetts and New Jersey. Nicholson will always value his career in the physical education department.

"I have enjoyed helping student-athletes reach a better level of excellence in whatever they chose to participate in and will always treasure my time here," Nicholson said.

Contradictory to Johnson and Nicholson's lengthy time on campus, Dunlavey has been a professor here for five years. Nonetheless, he has had a busy career. Dunlavey, first, spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force where he taught safety. He then taught for four years at the University of Maryland in Germany before he returned to the states to teach at Robert Morris University, Point Park University, and even the Youngstown State prison through distance learning. Dunlavely says he values his array of experiences and also emphasizes the importance of making potential employment contacts.

"Every job I've had since being out of the Air Force, I've gotten through networking," Dunlavey said. "I think it is important for students to know how to make contacts because it could lead to good opportunities."

Although he has only spent a short time at Westminster (two years as an adjunct professor and three years as a full-time visiting instructor,) Dunlavey feels his experience at the college has been "overwhelmingly positive."

"I have really come to enjoy the closeness of the people that comes along with teaching at a small campus," Dunlavey said.

Dunlavey hopes that he has left his mark at the college by encouraging students to value their life experiences and always be respectable people.

"One of my syllabi has a quote reminding students to always maintain civility, consideration, and compassion, or 'C cubed'" Dunlavey said.

After retiring, Dunlavey plans to possibly do some consulting work with veterans or steelworkers, but mostly, he would just like to relax.

"As long as I can just sit and read the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal every day, I will be happy," Dunlavey said.

Senior Commencement, senior week plans

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remainder of the day to do as they please.

The next event planned for senior week is a trip to Cedar Point. The students will take motor coaches to America's roller coast, where they can enjoy the variety of activities that Cedar Point has to offer.

"I am really excited about Cedar Point," senior Sarah Sullivan said. "It will be a great time, and the cost is very inexpensive as well."

After the Cedar Point trip, the next senior week activity is a trip to a Pirates game. Students attending the game can pick up their ticket along with a Pirate baseball cap in the Student Affairs office prior to the trip.

"In the past, we have occasionally given the seniors the option of either attending a Pirates game or an Indians game, but the students always want to see Pittsburgh," Hawthorne said.

The final activity of the week will be a picnic with the Board of Trustees. This event will be held at Old 77, and during this time, the seniors will be presented with the class gift.

Stephanie Martin, who was selected as the class speaker for graduation, will be addressing the seniors at commencement. This speaker is self-nominated, and all of the students that were interested submitted a five-minute address that was chosen by the selection committee

Senior week concludes with commencement on Saturday, May 19. The Baccalaureate ceremony will be held in Orr Auditorium followed by a picnic lunch on the quad. Commencement will be held on the senior terrace at 2:30 p.m., with the rain location reserved for the intramural gym in the Field House.

"Senior week is definitely exciting," senior Jennifer Gross said. "There wouldn't even have to be anything going on, because it's the week that you graduate; that alone is enough to give you butterflies."

Graduation events schedule

10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate
Orr Auditorium

2:30 p.m. Commencement
Senior Terrace

(Field House in the event of inclement weather)

Senior Sendoff

BACHELOR OF ARTS	Nicole L. Fee	Seth William McClarey	Courtney Marie Thompson	Andrea Dawn Bundy	Jessie Elizabeth Postell
	Talley Bair Felger	Aidan G. Mewha	Juliana Elizabeth Thorbecke	Jacob Buzard	Jeffrey T. Quinn
Nicholas James Adams	Derek S. Ferrier	Ariel Renée Mickle	Ryan Lannion Trunk	Colin Campbell	Carolyn A. Reasinger
Kathryn Ann Alcorn	Jennifer Marie Frank	Chelsey Meghann Miller	Leanne Elizabeth Veres	Marissa Catanzarite	David A. Restino
Kristin Lynn Allen	Jaycie Lynn Galbraith	Jason Edward Mitchell	Emily Ann Wall	Allison Abby Chambers	Carmen Frank Roberts III
Jeffrey Michael Ammons Jr.	Kylie Marie Gallagher	Elizabeth Nicole Morfenski-Murphy	Kelly Marie Watterson	Lisa Marie Colatruglio	Samuel Curtis Robinson
Jennifer Lynn Baier	Elizabeth Marie Gavin	Emily Victoria Morningstar	Sarah Lynne Webster	Stephanie M. Cornicelli	Stefanie R. Romeo
Sara Marie Belsito	Amy Therese Gregg	Blake Morrow	Jason L. Wiemann	Courtney Marie Czapor	Allison Lee Rook
Chelsea A. Boecker	Erin Elizabeth Griner	Stevi Ann Nelson	Katherine Rose Willey	Lindsey Marie Davis	Gregory M. Rosatelli
Alissa Lee Bookwalter	Jennifer Anna Gross	Michael Paul O'Leary	Michael George Wilson	Colin Andrew Dean	Nicole Rae Sacca
Erika Ann Bramblett	Heather Lynn Gurgiolo	Blake William Ordell	Michael Nicholas Wolenski	Edward A. DeRose	Mark William Sadler
Sherri Ann Breitigan	Rachel E. Hammond	Gabrielle Ordoñez	Daniel Wren	Amanda Lynn Downs	Jonathan David Schilke
Jennifer Lynne Britton	Melissa Ann Hart	Michael Palastro	Alexis L. Young	Rachel Marcella Eaton	Kyle G. Schuyler
Julia Lynn Broskey	Catharine E. Hebdon	Joselyn L. Parker	Ashley Laura Young	Randi Eckelberger	James B. Sharcot
Rachel Nicole Brown	Sean Michael Henderson	Melissa Nicole Parkhurst	Kristin Michelle Zyskowski	John H. Edmiston	Nicholas Patrick Sheehan
Jeffrey M. Brownlee	Melissa Marie Hennen	Kayla Ann Pasquale		Nicholas Adam Fisher	Jerad Anthony Smith
Kara Lynn Brownlee	Joshua Richard Hensler	Andrea Elizabeth Pastorius	BACHELOR OF MUSIC	Jacob Wayne Flickinger	Sarah Elizabeth Spardy
Nicole Marie Bucci	Leslie Erin Higgins	Hilary Elaine Patrick		Melissa Elaine Garrett	Kelly Kathryn Spisak
John Andrew Buco	Jessica Jane Hinz	Brandon L. Polish	Nicole Lynne Abel	William Giles	Emily Sue Staniszewski
Thomas Aaron Burkhart	Hugh Hothem	Jared M. Polish	Lindsay Morgan Byers	Courtney Lynn Gilmore	Andrew E. Starosta
Lindsay M. Burns	Kathrine L. Hutchison	Adam Edward Pollick	Shelley Elizabeth Culver	Ryan Alexander Hauck	Lisamarie Stefura
Michael D. Cacchione	Alex Michael James	Caitlin Mackenzie Pratt	Sarah Elizabeth Gold	Michael B. Henninger	Adam R. Strong
Sarah Joy Calderone	Ashley Elizabeth Johnson	Caitlyn Ann Preston	Marie E. Gott	Ashley Marie Hunzeker	Megan Elizabeth Sweithelm
Ashley Elizabeth Campolongo	Newell Charles Judge III	Daniel George Prokop	Carriella J. Halas	JoAnne Marie Johnston	Steven Sylvester
Matthew E. Carlin	Kendal Alysse Kennedy	Adam Zachary Charles Rady	Tracy Nichole Hefner	Dominick Joseph	Kristin Ann Tarzia
Katherine Jennifer Chandley	Meghan Kathryn Kennedy	Jennifer Christine Ramsey	Allison Lora Henley	Lucy Teal Kawana	Joseph Leland Tissler
Allison Chlebowski	Matthew Vaughan Kerns	April A. Redmond	Devin Tyler Householder	Timothy Shawn Kelly	Joelle Marie Wells
Natalie Lynn Coccia	Colby Ross King	Lisa Marie Revale	Anna L. Long	Christopher D. Kelosky	Amy E. Wirtz
Christine Anne Cole	Danielle Antionette Kirkwood	Pamela Elizabeth Ropelewski	Katherine Anne Menhorn	Lee William Knight	Tracy Renée Wolf
Kari E. Cole	Bethany Dawn Knicely	Jennifer Louise Rossey	Alyssa Anne Schomaker	Valerie Elaine Kokai	Curtis Dean Yenyo
Rachael Elizabeth Cooper	Matthew Scott Knight	Katherine B. Roycroft	Bridget Ailis Steller	Courtney J. Kremer	Amanda Young
Nicole Linn Corridoni	Jessica Ann Kochemba	Marc Anthony Saculla	Sarah Elizabeth Timm	Elizabeth Ann Kribel	Laina Joyce Zibert
Elisa A. Cortazzo	Laura Genowefa Kocher	Lucinda Marie Safran		Olawunmi Aishat Lawani	
Megan A. Costello	Kristan A. Kohley	Daniel Christopher Scarlett	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	Adam Scott Leech	
Durante Cousins	Steven Paul Kokal	Julie Lynn Schupay		Joshua Lee Lester	
Aimee E. Covel	Stacey Lorraine Kollar	Lee Robert Scott	Jeremy R. Alberth	Jessica Nichole Limpert	
Katherine Lindsey Crompton	Heidi L. Kracker	Scott Carson Seserko	Todd C. Atwood	Lauren Ashley Lytwak	
Heather Eileen Davis	Amanda Lynn Kraemer	Shelley Anne Sevier	Allison Marie Baker	Amber Lynn McCauslin	
Alison Elizabeth Deming	Amy Kirsten Lavallee	Sherri Marie Slafka	Benjamin T. Barbetta	Megan Beth Ann McLaughlin	
Rachel Gene DeVuyst	Amanda Rose Lawton	Jennifer Lyn Slobodian	Justin Howard Bardash	Shaun M. McNamara	
Jonathan Wesley Deyton IV	Barbara Sue Levandoski	Patrick John Smith	John Russell Barley IV	Katie Lynn Meadows	
Angela Marie Donnell	Rebecca Marie Logar	Michael D. Spicuzza	Ryan M. Barnes	Brittany Morgan Mente	
Robert Doughty	S. Tyler LoNigro	Desireé Nicole Sterling	Jonathan Michael Bentley	Ryan William Moore	
Nikky Lucrecia Douglas	Stephanie Lynn Martin	Sara Lynn Sullivan	Patrick Sean Birdsall	Meredith Ann Muller	
Angela Duckett	Julie Beth Maryan	Kaitlin Brenna Summers	Christopher Brenneman	Betsy Joan Nolan	
Jessie Lynn Dvorzak	Kelly Joann Masson	Laura Ellen Swanson	Marlee Bruno	Daniel T. Ockree	
Julia Kelley Dwyer	Kelly Linn Mayhue	Valerie Nicole Sylves	Bethanie Rae Buchowski	Amy Marie Perkins	
Elizabeth Alison Farry	Leah Marie Mazzocca	Brittany L. Thomas	Kymberlee Kaylynne Bulford	Amanda Marie Petrovich	

List of Potential Graduating Seniors for May 2007

Congratulations and Good Luck Seniors!

Melville

Professor speaks about author

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"Dr. Sivils lives, eats and breathes James Fenimore Cooper and American literature of the period that includes Melville," Professor Evann Garrison said, "He loves Cooper and Melville and so much more, and last night's presentation shows his wide interests and abilities. We're lucky to have him."

Sivils spoke alongside Judge Joseph James, president judge of Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, presenting "The Notion of Justice in Times of War" and Joseph Mistick, a law professor at Duquesne University, presenting "The Facts of the Case."

"These two legal experts did a great job of explaining the legal intricacies involved in the story and also discussed how we can use this fictional case to better understand real legal debates going on today," Sivils said, "The panel, was well attended, and I was pleased with the audience's questions. It was so nice to engage in a publicly held intellectual conversation. Too often we leave such discussions for the classroom, but I think we should create more public venues for talking about complicated ideas."

The opera opens on Sunday, May 6.

Peace

Senior to join Peace Corps

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Corps Partnership. It is an environmental clean-up and awareness campaign in which the village was divided into ten neighborhoods and launched a nine-month contest for the cleanest and most hygienic neighborhood. First prize is a corn flour mill, second is an above-ground cistern and third place is community latrines.

They are also constructing a small stream-water dam to have a more constant source of water for farmers.

Students present cluster documentaries

Groups assigned to spend time with different subjects, cover various issues

By Bridget Roth
Campus writer

Students in the Stereotypes and Mass Media cluster course began presenting their documentaries Thursday, May 3 in Mueller Theater.

This cluster course combined the studies of mass communications and sociology, and required students to create and present a fifteen minute documentary.

According to junior Andy Polack, the assignment for the documentary was to spend time with someone you would not normally spend time with.

"I think it's been a good example of what a liberal arts education is supposed to be," Polack said. "Being able to go out and critically examine our subjects really broadens our perspective."

Students in the class were required to work in groups of four to produce a documentary on a subject of their choice. Polack explained that finding a subject who would be willing to work with the group was difficult.

Subjects were contacted in various ways; some groups used personal contacts, while others went branched out on their own to contact possible subjects.

A total of seven documentaries were created, and the subjects for each vary greatly. Many documentaries include alumni. The films covered issues like stereotypes of the elderly, how to cope with physical disabilities, race and more.

Polack's group visited the home of Caitlyn Hickman, a neighborhood child, who suffers from Down syndrome.

His group's documentary contained interviews with Caitlyn's mother and father, as well as film of daily activities that occur in the Hickman household.

In order to complete this documentary, all participants had to sign release forms granting permission to be filmed.

"The documentary project and the cluster course have opened my eyes to the racism that continues to plague our country," junior Brittany McKee said. "They have taught me that the only way to erase stereotypes and discrimination is to learn the stories of those different from ourselves."

Mr. Brad Weaver, who teaches of the mass communications portion of the cluster, explained that the class looks at media's role in society and how it perpetuates stereotypes.

"These projects move students beyond the role of media consumers," Weaver said. "It's about giving them a voice and allowing them to experience all sides of the media."

Students were not permitted to use any of the broadcasting equipment, as the documentaries are meant to be amateur.

Rough cuts of the documentaries were shown to the class prior to the campus-wide presentation for feedback.

Students were also required to write a director's commentary for the instructors, explaining what each part of the documentary portrayed.

After the final edits of each film, the documentaries were placed online. The remaining four documentaries will be presented on May 8.

Calm Before the Storm Day Retreat provides relaxation, worship opportunities before finals

By Nicky Piszczor
Campus writer

Students will take a little break before finals at the Calm Before the Storm Day Retreat at Moraine State Park on Sunday, May 6.

The spring retreat gives students the opportunity to worship, to relax, and to spend time with friends before the "storm," the week of finals. This is the third year that the chapel staff has sponsored and planned this activity. Sophomore Bethany Olson, a member of the chapel staff retreat committee, has been very active in planning this year's retreat.

"The growth committee was presented this idea from the past [about the Calm Before the Storm Day Retreat], and we wanted to make it happen for this year," Olson said.

In addition to helping plan the day's activities, Olson also made connections with Moraine State Park. Olson stresses that students should not worry about the retreat cutting too much into their study time.

"There's still time to prepare for finals," Olson said, "but this gives you a chance to relax and to enjoy the day too."

The retreat starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Transportation is provided to students if they need it; vans will leave from the chapel at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 4:00 p.m. Students also are allowed to drive to the park if they want or if they have to leave early. The park is about 20 to 30 minutes away, near Portersville, Pa.

The chapel staff has been busy preparing the fun activities for the day. The retreat will begin with a casual outdoor worship service lead by the praise team.

Then, everyone will enjoy lunch together. After lunch, students can choose from a variety of outdoor activities: boat rides, hiking, Frisbee, and much more.

Chaplain Jim Mohr said that students always tell him how excited they are for this spring retreat. He feels the day is just what students need before the busy week of finals.

"It's a great way to not waste the day," Mohr said. "You're taking care of your body, mind and soul."

Twenty students are currently signed up for this year's retreat. Although flyers say that reservations were required by April 30, Mohr said that students can still decide to come to the retreat as long as they bring their own lunch and inform the chapel office.

Students, who replied by the April 30 deadline, provided their Titan card numbers to the chapel office. These students will receive a box lunch at the retreat; the box lunch only took $6 off each student's meal plan.

Both Mohr and Olson encourage anyone not signed up to consider being a part of this special spring retreat.

"It should be a fun day to rewind and have fun with your friends," Olson said.

The Calm Before the Storm Day Retreat is one of two retreats that the chapel staff sponsors and plans every year.

Chapel staff members also put together a weekend-long fall retreat, called the All Campus Retreat. Next year's All-Campus Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 21-23 at Westminster Highlands.

Preschool educators observe Week of the Young Child

By Tiffany Snyder
Campus writer

The National Association for the Education of Young Child (NAEYC) recently sponsored the Week of the Young Child. The celebration of this week began in 1971 and focuses on helping caretakers to raise children between the ages of birth to eight years old. It incorporates the importance of early learning with later success in life.

Nationwide, the NAEYC has more than 35 million children who participate throughout the week. The education providers in the preschool lab, which is associated with the Psychology department, will be implementing this program on campus.

Some of these education provides include Dr. Mandy Medvin, Diana Reed and Debi Roud.

"The Week of the Young Child is to make the public aware of the importance of early childhood education birth to eight years old," said Roud, a teacher at the preschool.

The fun events in which the children participated included: Parent Night at McKinley's Equestrian Farm, President Williamson as a guest reader, Amy Camardese reading Japanese Kamishibai stories, Kathleen Lebby, librarian at the New Castle Public Library reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, and a kindergarten field trip.

"NAEYC has been focusing on early childhood since 1971, it's very nice to see how public awareness has increased," Dr. Mandy Medivn, professor of Psychology, said.

Some of the preschool lab children will also be making spring flowers which will be displayed in vases. These can be seen at the New Wilmington Post Office during the last two weeks of April.

"Early childhood experiences lay the foundation for later learning and help children succeed in school and into adulthood," Diana Reed, head teacher said. " Quality early childhood programs prepare children to take full advantage of their educational opportunities and become effective citizens, capable workers, and loving parents of the next generation."

Calendar

May 3, 2007

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Students' Cluster Documentaries -- MCC Mueller Theater

12:45 PM IFC Meeting -- MCC Club

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting -- MCC 255

4:00 PM Galbreath Residence Life Staff Party for Sankey Youth -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

4:30 PM Preschool Lab Early Learning Task Force -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:00 PM Test Anxiety Workshop -- Old Main 311

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting -- Patterson 231

5:30 PM International Cultures Club -- Thompson-Clark 210

7:00 PM College Republicans' Deal or No Deal -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:00 PM Heinz Lecture -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

9:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

May 4, 2007

11:00 AM Round One of PAC Championship Softball: Titans vs. Bethany (H)

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:00 PM Baseball vs. Bethany (H)

7:30 PM Combined Bands Concert -- Orr Auditorium

May 5, 2007

Volley Rock

Periodic Server Maintenance

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Jesse Owens Classic at Ohio State

Men's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Invitational

5:15 PM Senior Voice Recital: Kristal Pattinato -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

May 6, 2007

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Jesse Owens Classic at Ohio State

"Calm Before the Storm" Day Retreat

Men's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Invitational

1:00 PM Baseball at Bethany

2:30 PM Mortar Board Induction Reception -- Old Main Tower Room

3:00 PM Orchestra Concert -- Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Senior Vespers and Communion -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

May 7, 2007

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Career Center Presents Junior Education Seminar -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM All-Campus Book Discussion: The Girls by Lori Lansens (available in the College Bookstore) -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

5:30 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213

7:00 PM Heinz Lecture Series: Huang Xiang, Poet -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM ODK Top Freshman Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:30 PM Student Woodwind Quintet Recital -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:00 PM ZTA Big Man on Campus -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

May 8, 2007

Classes End

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Students' Cluster Documentaries -- MCC Mueller Theater

1:00 PM Baseball vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM PRSSA Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 314

5:30 PM Modern Languages Capstone Presentations -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

6:00 PM Preview of Senior Adam Rady's Film -- MCC Mueller Theater

6:20 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting -- Patterson 311

6:30 PM Wespy Awards -- Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson Hall 112

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open -- Memorial Field House

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

May 9, 2007

Reading Day

9:00 AM Faculty Meeting -- Phillips Lecture Hall

12:00 PM Employee Recognition Luncheon -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

May 10, 2007

Final Exams

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Wheeling Jesuit Last Chance Meet

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting -- MCC Club

5:00 PM Children's Literature Group: Discussion Led by Elizabeth Ford on Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi -- Mugsies

May 11, 2007

Final Exams

May 12, 2007

Final Exams

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

May 13, 2007

MOTHER'S DAY

Final Exams

5:30 PM Vespers at Brittain Lake

May 14, 200

Seniors Leave for Tully's at 7:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. -- Old 77 Departure Point

Final Exams

SENIOR WEEK

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Dinner for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close for Non-Seniors

May 15, 2007

SENIOR WEEK

Senior Grades Due

9:30 AM - 11:45 AM New RA Training with Titan Traverse Staff -- Meet in in Ferguson Hall

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM President's Brunch for Seniors -- President's House (inclement weather location: MCC Witherspoon Room

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM New RA Training -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:30 PM Residence Life End-of-Year Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Dinner for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

May 16, 2007

SENIOR WEEK

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Brunch for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Dinner for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

May 17, 2007

SENIOR WEEK

Men's and Women's Track and Field at ECAC Championships

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Brunch for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Dinner for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

5:00 PM Senior Week Trip to Pirates Game -- Old 77 Departure Point

May 18, 2007

Board of Trustees Meeting

SENIOR WEEK

Men's and Women's Track and Field at ECAC Championships

9:00 AM Senior Week Trip to Cedar Point -- Old 77 Departure Point

10:30 AM Commencement Rehearsal -- Orr Auditorium

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Class Picnic with Board of Trustees -- Old 77

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Dinner for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

May 19, 2007

Residence Halls Close at 6:00 pm

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast for Seniors -- McGinness Dining Room

9:45 AM Graduates Assemble for Baccalaureate -- Beeghly Theater

9:45 AM Faculty Assembles for Baccalaureate -- Patterson 111/112

10:30 AM Baccalaureate

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Picnic Lunch -- Quad

11:30 AM LLP Luncheon -- MCC Club Room

1:30 PM Graduates Assemble for Commencement -- Intramural Gym in Field House

2:00 PM Faculty and Administration Assemble for Commencement -- Old Main First Floor Hallway

2:30 PM COMMENCEMENT

Sudoku!

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Great ideas are born this week. Look to an unexpected source for inspiration. Approach a problem with an open mind and consider all of your options.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Remain calm and avoid panic in the middle of a monetary crisis. Thinking logically as well as creatively will allow you to devise or uncover a viable solution.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): There may be moments when you will feel the need to march to a different drummer. Step up to the front of the crowd and lead with your own unique style.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Let go of a situation that you have obviously outgrown. Once you are mentally and emotionally in the clear you will discover several new mountains to climb.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Make an honest effort to get along with everyone in a group environment. Instead of sticking out like a sore thumb, play an encouraging or peacemaker role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Your hard work and dedication in your field of expertise will earn you high praise and recognition. Proudly stand up and take a well-deserved bow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): The word inventive will best describe your mood this week. Reach into your bag of tricks for unusual ideas and come up with a bigger and better mouse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Take steps to get on track financially and brighten your financial future. Consider investment programs for retirement and saving for a rainy day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A new partnership brings excitement and happiness into your life. Plan to spend time together getting to know each other and developing the relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Opportunities for advancement will dot your path this. Make sure that you are in the right place at the right time to cash in and claim your destiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Uncover a social forum that will also allow you to express your creativity. Go with the flow or follow the urge to sing, dance and create a masterpiece.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It is time to let go and rise above an emotional dilemma. No matter how hard you study, wish or pray, it will always remain difficult to understand.

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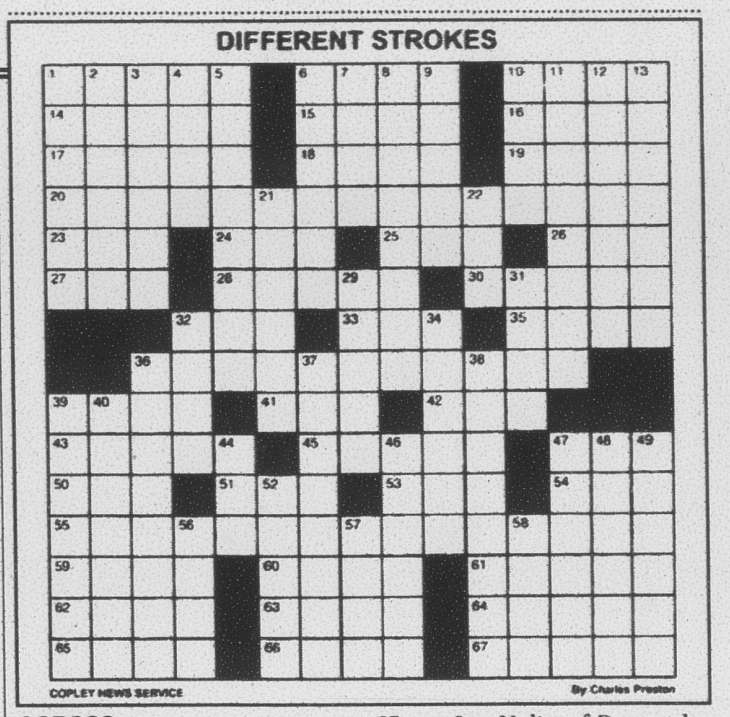

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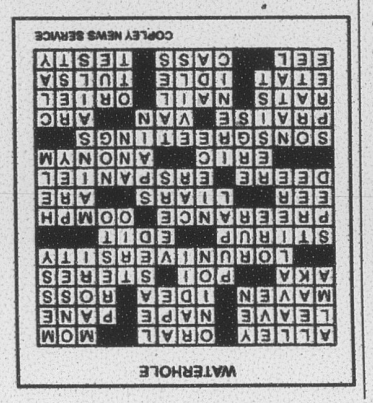

MCKELVEY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY!
VolleyRock!
Jazz Concert
7:30 PM Berlin Lounge

"Because I Said So"

BECAUSE I SAID SO

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Letters from Iwo Jima"

8:00 PM Friday 10:30 PM
10:30 PM Saturday 8:00 PM
3:00 PM Sunday 9:00 PM

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Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
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Features

Good luck, and good riddance, slackers

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

If you read the newspaper front to back, you've already learned that ten members of The Holcad staff are leaving this fine institution in just over two weeks. Anyone who has a column or writes anything other than news will be lamenting and celebrating this momentous occasion. There, I saved you time.

We're losing Carsen and Steve too. They're not graduating from the college, but onto things like running Student Government next semester instead of trying to come up with ways to be funny with each other over political issues.

I'm not leaving this campus or The Holcad staff. I know you were all on the edges of your seats anticipating such an announcement.

If you read the paper front to back, you've learned from Colin that I'll be Editor-in-Chief of this fine publication. As lovely and sentimental as his editorial is this week, I'm not going anywhere (literally) so I'm not going to add to the trite nature of this enormous edition.

It's too bad we're losing folks who do work; it's really about time I lose the ones who don't.

My, I'm unpleasant. But it's true.

Bill also wrote a farewell; it's because it's his last regular column and he pretty much admitted he'll be here again. All Van Wilder jokes aside, Bill realized that the most anyone can do with a column is anger people.

While I do thoroughly enjoy angering people, I like to think of my column as a means to better my surroundings by clearly stating the problems angering me and suggesting different courses of action, but I've learned since the start of the school year that you can't convince people who aren't self-aware of anything but what they'd like to think about.

I'm an angry person to start with; the noises above my room, the freshmen who make sloppy messes of themselves (and you know now that I was right, if you started paying attention when I first began to talk about them), and smoking bans being protested all frustrate me to no end, though most can't comprehend the level my ire is raised to when really contemplating such issues.

Bill was kind enough to allow the benefit of the doubt for his readers by entreating them to exhibit more "good" traits. I'm not that kind or purposefully vague, really.

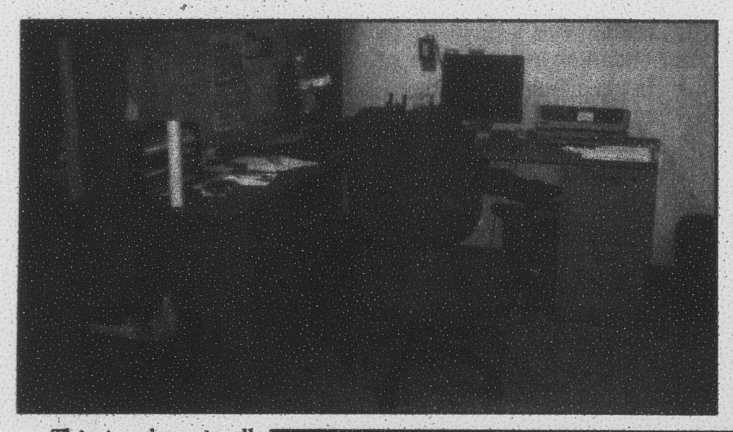
The people I'm the most emotional about losing in two weeks are the slackers; the people who allow others to carry their weight, to make a bad name for an organization and who'll go home not thinking twice about anything they could've handled differently. The ones who care little for anything further than lining their own pockets and for what we're doing here; ones who don't know or care about learning for the sake of learning – these are the ones I'm up in arms about being allowed to leave.

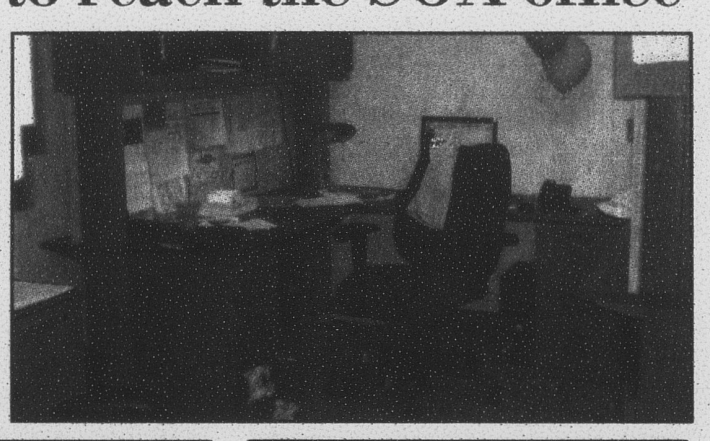
You've fulfilled the prescribed requirements but have learned little in the way of living fulfilled lives. I care little for Louis Vuitton purses, but I hope that when I graduate in May 2008 I'll be remembered instead as someone who pursued the news of this campus accurately, treated her staff with compassion and expected nothing from them that she wouldn't do herself.

If I had to ask the people I interact with on a regular basis, I know they'd agree. I'm going to miss those people the most, but I won't implement an asterisk in the senior send-off section (pages B-4 and B-5) to let you all know. The ones who matter already know I'm sorry they're leaving, and unfortunately for the others, they know I'm not so sorry to see them go.

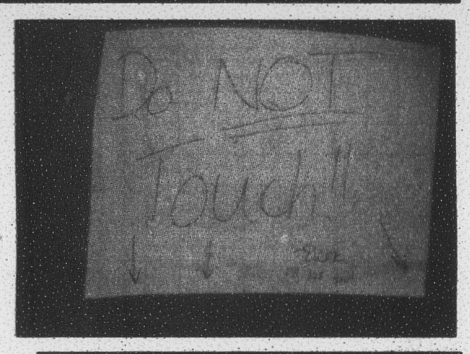
WC Cribs

This week, Features editor Jenn Corkadel ventures across oceans to reach the SGA office

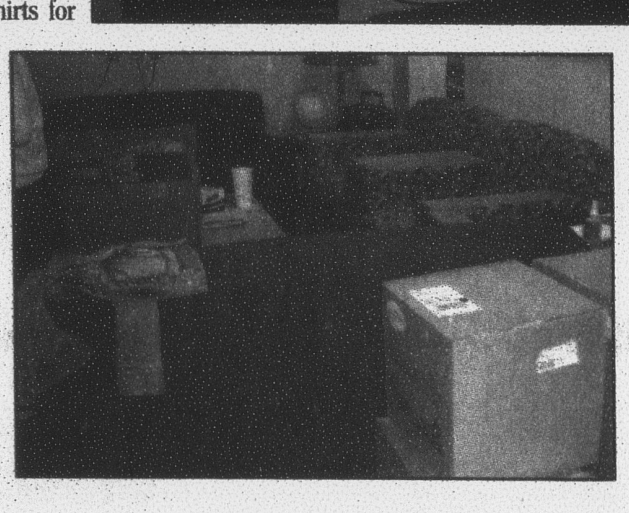




This is where is all happens, folks. Above, Steve and Elena's desk, to the right, Carsen's twelve calendars and Mugsies refreshments. Balloons are also crucial to the serious work done here.

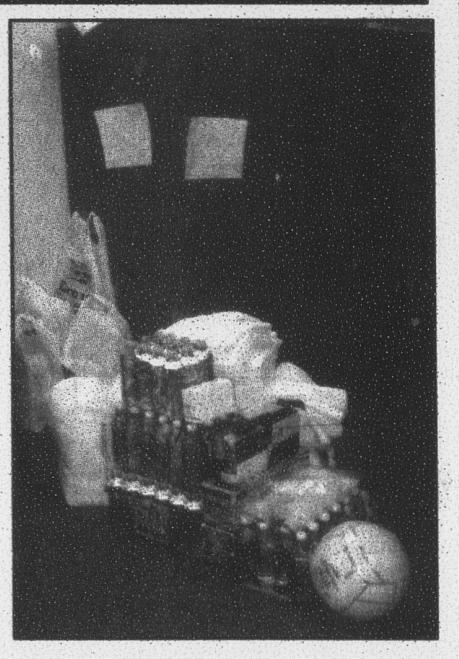


Previous officers and their respective slates watch over the goings-on of the office, Thursday's goings-on included the preparation of several hundred water bottles and T-shirts for VolleyROCK.



There's some sweet seating for the SGA officers; I'll be looking into similar accessories in the future.

The stacks of boxes belie the flurry of activity in the third-floor hallway.

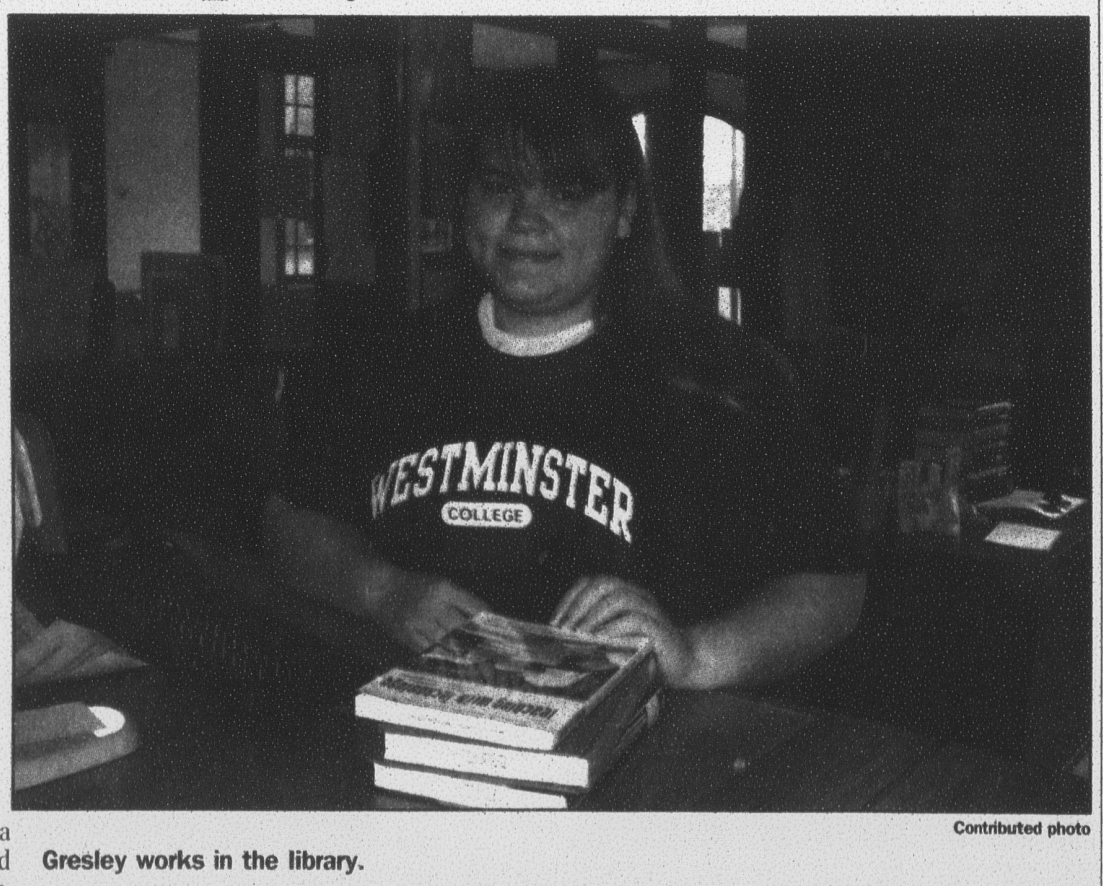


The funniest sight in the office was Elena's fierce protection of these supplies *outside of supply cabinet.*

I enlarged the posted sign above - do not touch or she'll kill me? Wow.

Seriously, don't take it personally.

Student Employee of the Week



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Gresley works in the library.

Recently the Career Center asked all Westminster student worker supervisors to submit nominations for "Student Employee of the Week." Students were nominated from many departments. Several have been recognized over the past few weeks, featured in the Holcad and awarded gift certificates from the Bookstore, Pizza Joe's or Muggsie's. Based on the number of nominations, our student employees are truly appreciated!

This week's Student Employee of the Week "always has a positive attitude, regardless of how hectic the day is." This is how Rachael Gresley was described by Dee Drabick, library supervisor.

Rachael was assigned to the library as a first year student last fall. An elementary education major from Sharon, Pa., Rachael has repeatedly gone above and beyond her job requirements at both McGill and Mack libraries. Rachael is willing to work extra shifts, pays attention to detail, and works well without supervision. According to Drabick, "When we're overloaded with work, she even stays later than her shift just to help us get caught up……and she will rock as a teacher!"

Drabick also pointed out, "I'm VERY happy with my whole crew this year, and it's really hard for me to single out just one student." The library crew is one of the largest on campus, and they, along with ALL of our student employees, have helped the college run smoothly. We look forward to '07 - '08!

Joselyn says farewell to the WC community

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Wow, I can't believe it, the final article. I've been racking my brains trying to figure out what I wanted to say. I didn't know whether to be happy or sad, excited that I was moving on to a new chapter in my life, or disappointed that I have to leave such a fulfilling chapter behind.

For the past school year, my goal was to write articles that forced me to think outside of the box. I wanted to shine light on some situations that sometimes get comfortable in the shadows. I wanted to talk about things that a lot of us shy away from, so that's what I did.

Articles ranged from race, to politics, to black history, to world news, and often just my personal opinions about things. This experience was a first for me and I can't tell you how overwhelmed with pride I am that I given the opportunity.

In this last article, I want to leave my fellow students, faculty and staff with something that is coming from my heart.

I want to thank everyone who has been influential in my success not only as a student, but as a person on this campus.

My parents taught me some very important lessons growing up. They taught me to respect authority; they taught me to think outside of the box, to reach for greatness, strive for things beyond the borders of Youngstown, and to dream.

Dreaming was something that I've always done. As a child I would dream of being on television and dream of different cars that I wanted. Sometimes my family and I would take drives to suburban neighborhoods and I'd dream that I owned some of the beautiful houses that we saw. As I got older, my dreams started to change and I began to dream about getting married. I dreamt that would marry an athlete, then it was an actor, then it was one of my friends' brothers (I was all over the place with that dream) nonetheless I was dreaming.

When I came to this campus I went through a lot of hardships. There were things that I didn't understand about some people here and obviously things that they didn't understand about me. I was torn, because the way that I saw my life going, the dreams that I had, and what was actually happening were not matching up with each other.

It was then that I realized (with the help of some faculty and staff) that a dream is merely a dream if you don't believe in the possibility of that dream coming true. It seemed that it was then when things started taking off for me.

I really was able to come into my own as a person on this campus. My dream was to be able to "be" part of this campus. I wanted to be a mouthpiece for change; I wanted to kick down the doors of stereotypes to show that I am more than just another student.

When I leave Westminster I want those who remain and even those who will follow to know that I was here. On my quest for change, I also realized that needed support in order to make it my dreams come true. I can't say how blessed I am to be a Titan.

I wrote a poem that talks about a lot of the changes that I personally have seen on this campus and the growth that we as a Titan family have made. In that poem there is a line that says, "I came to this school a product of the inner city, and all I asked of all of you was that you see the inner me."

Thank you for seeing past the stigmas of what some people may know as the ghetto, and giving me the chance to soar. Thank you for helping to mold me into a leader. There is something about knowing that you have a group of people who believe in you that bring the "go getter" attitude.

I felt that here, and although everyday wasn't sunshine, the rain didn't last long enough to dampen my soul. That was because I had a solid group of people to cover me. You've made a leader out of a girl who graduated from what some would call a failing school system. You've helped to make the walk a little less hard for another generation. You've given me something to be proud of; and I'm grateful.

I can now look at my parents, hand them my diploma and say, "Now we've got one too"; something that members of my family weren't able to say. You've helped to make me reach for things that I never thought possible for a minority female.

So this is my farewell, Westminster; this is my good bye to this chapter of my life. Thank you for taking the ride with me; for allowing me to speak from my heart. Thanks for encouraging me to keep on striving for greatness, because eventually I was going to get it. I love you all.

A wise person once told me that if one calls themselves a leader, but no one is following them all they are really doing is simply taking a walk. Thanks for walking with me.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

Of sitting by Brittain Lake

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"Let us from point to point this story know
To make the even truth in pleasure flow
If thou be'st yet a fresh uncropped flower,
Choose thou thy husband, and I'll pay thy dower;
For I can guess that by thy honest aid
Thou keep'st a wife herself, thyself a made.
Of that and all the progress, more or less,
Resolvedly more leisure shall express:
All yet seems well; and if it end so meet,
The bitter past, more welcome is the sweet."
(Alls Well That Ends Well 5,2,345-54)

So let's go forth to forests deep
Wherein we'll find paths to ample springs
Remembering well these words we keep

Speaking ever of Westminster kin.

Let's begin the narrative
And sing the hymns of heritage,
The ever-fleeting keystone sky
Complements the college guise.

Still waters, she has provided
Presupposing rising tides,
So we'll set sail from secure port
To skim
the wine dark seas
offshore.
Explore, explore.
Question the world.
Mast the winds with wings outheld
Hark, the distant, whispered farewells
Voiced through tollings of tower bells.

I would like to thank those that have read my history articles throughout the year.

Westminster has developed a rich history and heritage; the year's conclusion signifies the rebirth of histories yet to come, a heritage that we continually cultivate.

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Number of students that predict the Steelers will win 10+ games this year

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Friday
Partly Cloudy
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Saturday
Scattered T-storms
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Sunday
Scattered T-storms
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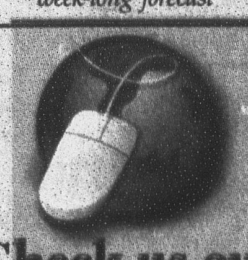

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Biology course travels to Kenya

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From left to right: Jared Foster, Jared McConkey and Josh Anderson enjoy the Kenyan landscape.

Ten students travel to Kenya to study ecology

By Max Muska
Staff writer

This past summer, a group of students traveled to Kenya to study the ecology of the tropical nation.

The ten students took a biology course last semester introducing them to the tropical ecosystems they would come in contact with in Kenya. Then, on May 20th, the trip began. The group visited many locations including the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust orphanage for baby elephants and rhinos, Amboseli National Park, and Mount Kenya.

Much of the trip was spent on game drives. These are safari-like tours to see animals in their natural habitats. The students witnessed the ecosystems they had been studying in person in an exciting way. "It was amazing seeing the animals in their natural environment," Josh Anderson said. "We were able to see everything from zebras to hippos."

Nature is not always a pretty sight. There were likely many instances throughout the course of the trip that proved that statement to be true. "At one point, we were only about 20 feet away from lions feeding on an Oryx," Jared McConkey said. "At least, I think it was an Oryx. It's head was gone so we couldn't be sure. Shows on the Discovery Channel about this stuff only capture a fraction of how wild it actually is to see these giant cats feeding on a once-living carcass."

Dr. Ann Throckmorton taught the course and led the group on the tour. "We visited rain forests, savannas, cities, and lakes and saw amazing animals and plants," Throckmorton said. "It was like being on Animal Planet every day."

Another aspect of the course and trip was studying the tribal people of Kenya. "We got to meet people of the Maasai and Samburu tribes, to learn from them and see how they really live," the professor said. "I think it was a really great experience for all of the students."

The Maasai tribe is one of the most well-known tribes in Africa. They are a nomadic group that is related to the Samburu tribe which is more of a cattle-raising tribe. "The people of Kenya were great. They were very welcoming and some of the nicest people I have ever met," Jared Foster said.

The course the students had taken gave them a great deal of background information about the ecosystems they were to visit. They learned about savannas, rain forests, dry forests, deserts, and lakes. The students studied the animals and plants of Kenya and how they have adapted to their ecosystems as well.

Every student kept a daily journal and a list of the various forms of life they viewed. This was done in order to keep record of what occurred and for the students to apply what they learned about tropical ecosystems to the real situations they encountered.

Those who went on the 18-day trip will never forget the experience. McConkey said, "Going to Kenya was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I got to visit a place that I don't think I ever would have gone to and saw such amazing environments and diverse cultures that I will remember to my grave."

Over the course of the trip, the students learned much about life in Africa and, in turn, learned about how life in America differs in so many ways. "As a group, we really grew close over the three weeks we were gone," Foster said. "I definitely think that everyone should visit a country such as Kenya at least once in their life."

Marge Walker extends hours

By Allyson Koerner
Staff writer

Students are able to begin their workouts earlier this year, due to the change of hours at Marge Walker Fitness Center.

The hours have been extended in order for students to workout before their classes, starting at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 9:30 p.m. during the weekdays.

"For a long time students have complained that they couldn't go workout before classes, so SGA decided to make it happen," SGA president Carsen Nesbitt said.

Extending the hours was a part of SGA's platform.

Last March SGA Student Concerns Chair, Ashley Carnahan began pursuing the goal to have these hours changed.

She came in contact with Coach Dafler and Coach Swearingen in April. In addition, Carnahan also met with President Williamson over the summer.

Carnahan and her committee researched other colleges' fitness programs to compare with Marge Walker hours. She also looked into how work study hours compared in relation to the fitness programs.

Carnahan put her research into bar graphs and charts which she presented to President Williamson. Right away a change at Marge Walker was agreed upon and put into effect.

"After putting so much work into this project I am very happy with the outcome," Carnahan said. "Researching and presenting this idea all summer it is also great to see the hours already being used and the campus community happy with the change," Carnahan said.

There have been questions about how work study students feel about the hours being changed.

Students involved with work study were informed about the hours changing at their meeting at the beginning of the year.

This means work study patrons at Marge Walker receive more hours during the week while weekend hours are shortened.

"Overall I think the hours being changed is a good idea because people are able to workout before classes," junior Marge Walker work study patron Amber Bollard said. "No one seemed too upset about the hours being changed, but some just hope to not have to work that early shift like me, who is not a morning person."

Overall, there have been little complaints about the extended hours at Marge Walker. With the hours already being used by the campus and having a great outcome, a look into changing the Field House hours has resulted for the future.

Borough remains dry

Proposal to allow the sale of alcohol fails

By Kathryn Zetzer
Staff writer

In May, residents and students alike voted against the referendum to give New Wilmington's college town the ability to sell alcohol within the borough.

In 2003 the referendum was defeated by 354 to 87 votes. Four years later, in 2007, Westminster College students put the referendum back on the ballot. The vote once again failed by a significant margin, and New Wilmington was kept a dry town. While 2,400 borough voters had the opportunity to allow such sales, many community members find satisfaction in the town's traditional lifestyle.

"As college students I don't see the need in using alcohol to have a good time," sophomore Kyle Pierce said. "Granted the borough in which we live leaves us little to do; I find that by wasting our time and brain cells it only belittles us as human beings. As college students, we should find better ways to hold our attention instead of turning to activities that can have negative consequences for years to come."

Even if the ballot had been passed, the law could be overturned if the situation becomes a menace to residence. Convincing townspeople that it is time for a change would take determination, persistence and activism from the college community. Business owners need no convincing though, because they are already aware that some type of change needs to occur. There are many vacant buildings on Main Street because small businesses in the borough cannot compete with larger businesses with liquor licenses. The economic stability and safety of the borough would increase with an alcohol permit.

Many students seemed eager for the possibility of legalized alcohol sales, but many students and faculty members don't think the passed law would have a large impact on campus life. Students will have no increased financial resources to fund the new legal pleasure and many students come to Westminster because of the old-fashioned, just-like-home feel.

Sam Leipheimer, Mugsies employee said, "I wouldn't like Main Street full of bars, but it would be nice not to have to fear being arrested for alcohol when you're 21 years old."

While many students will be disappointed this year by the turn down in the 2007 campaign, many citizens will find comfort in knowing that this is still a dry borough. As of today, stores in New Wilmington do not sell alcohol and it doesn't seem to change the economics of this little quaint 'Stars Hollow' hometown.

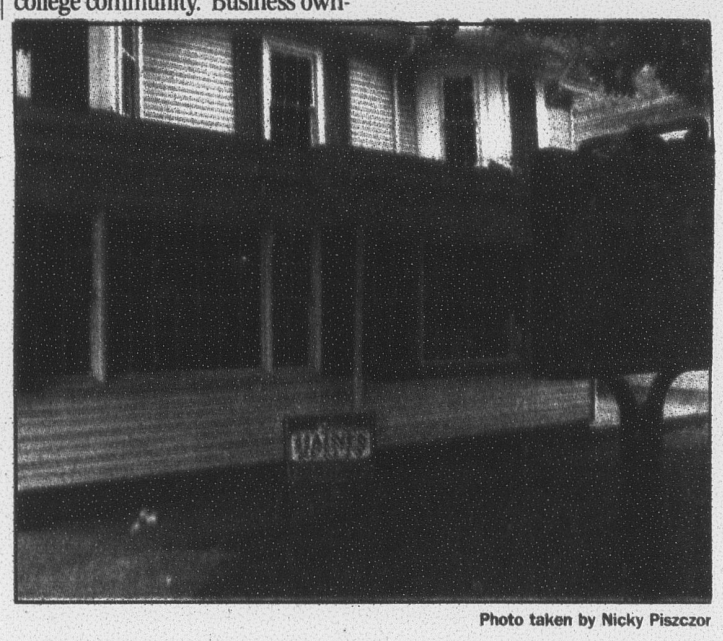


Photo taken by Nicky Piszczor

The citizens of New Wilmington voted to keep its town alcohol-free.

Westminster recognized for academics

By Jessica Davis
Staff writer

Westminster College was included in The Princeton Review's yearly book "The Best 366 Colleges" and "Best in the Northeast" for its satisfactory academic reputation on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The Princeton Review publishes a guide containing a list of the most prominent colleges and universities in the United States every year. More than 120,000 students from 366 different colleges were surveyed and responded to questions about campus life, academics and social activities. Westminster is also listed as one of the "Best in the Northeast" along with 221 other colleges, including Allegheny College, Grove City College and Thiel College.

"In our opinion, each school in this book is a 'best' when it comes to academics," Robert Franek, the book's author, said. "But as anyone visiting colleges can attest, their campus cultures and offerings differ greatly."

According to www.princetonreview.com, only about 15 percent of four-year colleges in America and Canada are included in the guide.

The Princeton Review does not list the colleges in any single category as to avoid favoritism; however, 62 subcategories list the schools based on responses from students. These categories include academics, demographics, partying, schools by type, politics, quality of life, extracurricular activities and social life. Since there were not enough survey responses from students on campus, Westminster did not make a subcategory. However, neighboring college Grove City is listed under "Stone-Cold Sober Schools" and "Students Pray on a Regular Basis." The process by which The Princeton Review chooses colleges for these lists relies mostly on the students surveyed on the internet and on campus.

"About 90 percent of the surveys upon which the rankings in the book are based came to us online," Franek said.

According to www.princetonreview.com, schools were assessed based on institutional data, student opinions, and visits to the colleges.

The survey, which can be found at http://survey.review.com, takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available year round. Eighty questions about campus life, student body and academics are answered by thousands of students the year before publication. Each school receives a score similar to a GPA; this determines the placement in the guide. It is important that the types of schools on the list vary in size, affiliation and cost. Westminster is revered for its excellent academics and friendly environment making it a valuable addition to "The Best 366 Colleges."

Opinion

Fresh start doesn't have to mean a new you

Jenn Corkadel
Editor-in-chief

Dear Seniors,

We have finally made it to the top. We must remember all of those things we promised that we would not do when we were seniors, namely because we were young and naïve, but also because our youth and vigor for life.

We must continue our commitments to our studies, our organizations, and our passions. We may not, under any circumstance, forget the ideals that we brought with us to this campus when we were freshmen, not so long ago.

Sincerely, Jennifer Lynn

In case I die shortly, someone should remember to use this as my epitaph, seeing as I am the most earnest and unjaded person to have graced this campus in its history. I am making it awfully dirge-like. However, I'm not a smoker and drive only semi-horribly, so my death is hopefully not imminent.

Dear Freshmen,

At this time, I would like to welcome our underclassmen and ask them to please retain their ideals and strive for the best. Go to the meetings of those organizations you signed up for last week at the Activities Fair; stay in touch with your Fresh Start group and leaders; and don't shed your skin for a new-and-improved-you.

That reminds me vaguely of a Lewis Black bit, in which he describes his shock at finding himself auditioning to play the lead role in a television series about his own life. Black was shocked to find that despite a strong audition, the casting department felt there was a better person to play the part of Lewis Black.

The point being: there is not a better you out there.

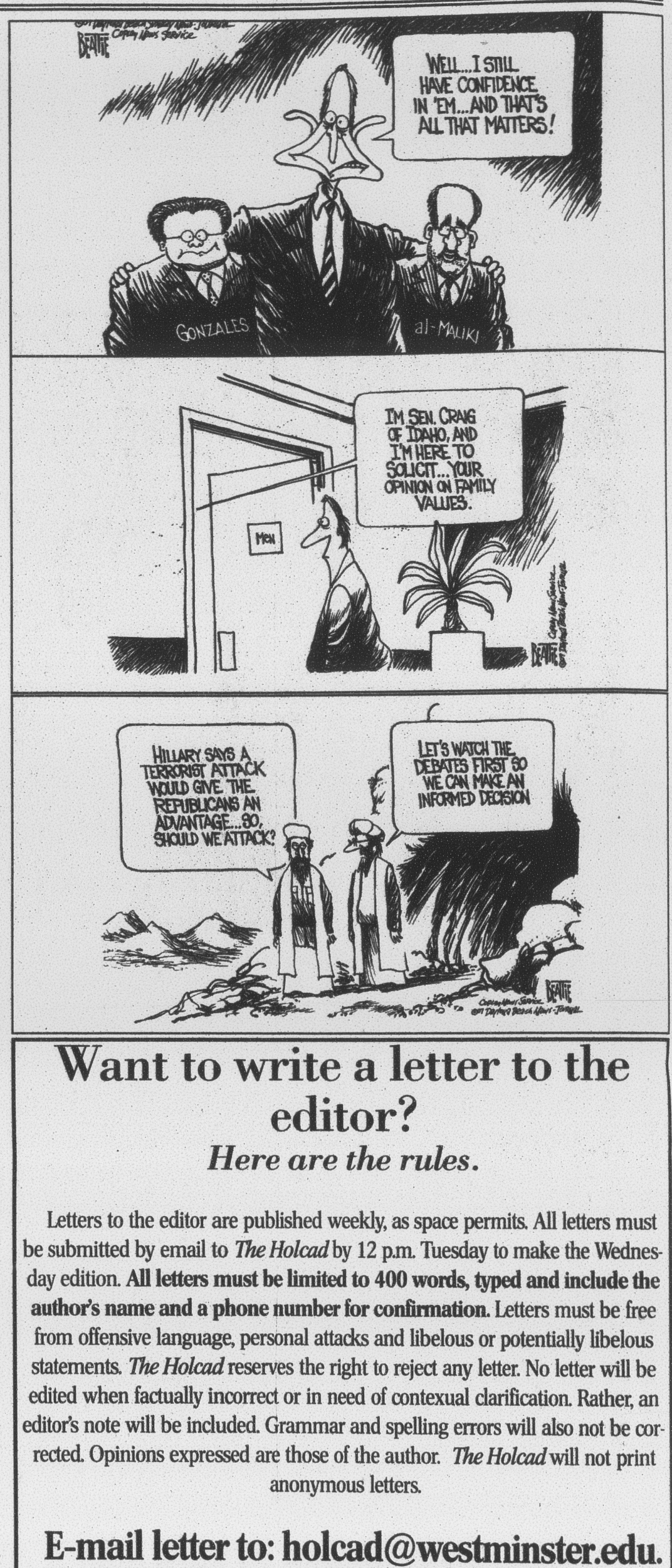
If you do not find academic success this semester, you will likely have great difficulty attaining such a goal in the future – as classes will only become more difficult to accommodate your increased brain capacity.

I have learned this one the hard way. Maintain your studies and they will attack you much less brutally in future years.

To the remainder of campus:

Keep up the good work. You either do what you must to get by or overdo it and give me high blood pressure through osmosis.

Jenn is a senior English major and writing minor who spends too much time doing things she doesn't like instead of what she cares about. She advises against such behaviors for all members of the campus community, except Holcad staffers.



The weekly glop
Qualifications

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

Why do we come to college? Why did we choose Westminster? These two questions can be easily answered.

First of all, we do not attend college so that we will be able to get a job doing something we enjoy, most of us attend college because, in order to get that particular job, we need certain qualifications only college classes and programs can provide. When we chose Westminster, we believed it was the best equipped college to prepare us for our future, due to its own qualifications.

Most who attend college can expect to get a job after graduation that pays more than most jobs that do not require a college degree. Why is it that these people are paid more?

They are receiving wages that are equivalent to the qualifications required to take the job. Any self-respecting person would agree that divvying up wages in this way is fair. With that being said, why is it that an institution that is providing us with these qualifications is not following these rules?

Westminster provides many of its students with the financial aid essential to attending classes at this institution; some students receive this aid in the form of a work study job. The school pays these students the minimum hourly wage to perform different jobs in the many different departments around the school.

All students who work through the work study program receive this hourly wage but can only earn up to a certain total amount per semester based on their financial aid package.

Most students, however, will tell you that they are never able to reach their maximum amount per semester because they are not given the amount of hours that they need. It would make sense then that since the students are not able to receive the hours they need, they should be paid more than minimum wage so they can reach the allotted money that they were promised in their financial aid package.

The administration claims that the national standard forces them to pay minimum wage, but based on other work study programs at other schools paying more than minimum wage, such as CMU's stage crew or Pitt's tech support staff, this is obviously false. Regardless, Westminster is a private institution, so the national standard would not apply to us in the first place. But I digress.

On to the point of this article, the work study program provides many different positions for the students to fill. These positions range from desk sitters to tech desk operators to Professor's assistants.

These different positions are all paid the same amount because the school pays minimum wage to all of its workers, as I have stated previously. It is safe to say, however, that not all students could perform all of the jobs on the work study list. Some of these jobs require qualifications.

To be a tech desk technician, one must know the inner and outer workings of a computer. Not just any student can perform the work that these students do.

A desk sitter would be considered the complete opposite side of the spectrum when it comes to qualifications required to perform a job. A desk sitter needs to merely sit at their post and occasionally give games or ping pong paddles to residents to use.

The rest of the time they can be seen doing homework or surfing the net. This is fine, but why should these desk sitters, performing a job that requires no qualifications, be paid the same as the tech desk employee's, who need to have previous knowledge of computers to qualify for their job.

If the rest of employers in the world pay their employees based on their qualifications for the job, why shouldn't Westminster, an institution trying to give us these qualifications, follow suit.

After all, we do have the money. The endowment of Westminster did just exceed one hundred million dollars. If you don't believe me, just check online; Westminster did pay to get on the list after all.

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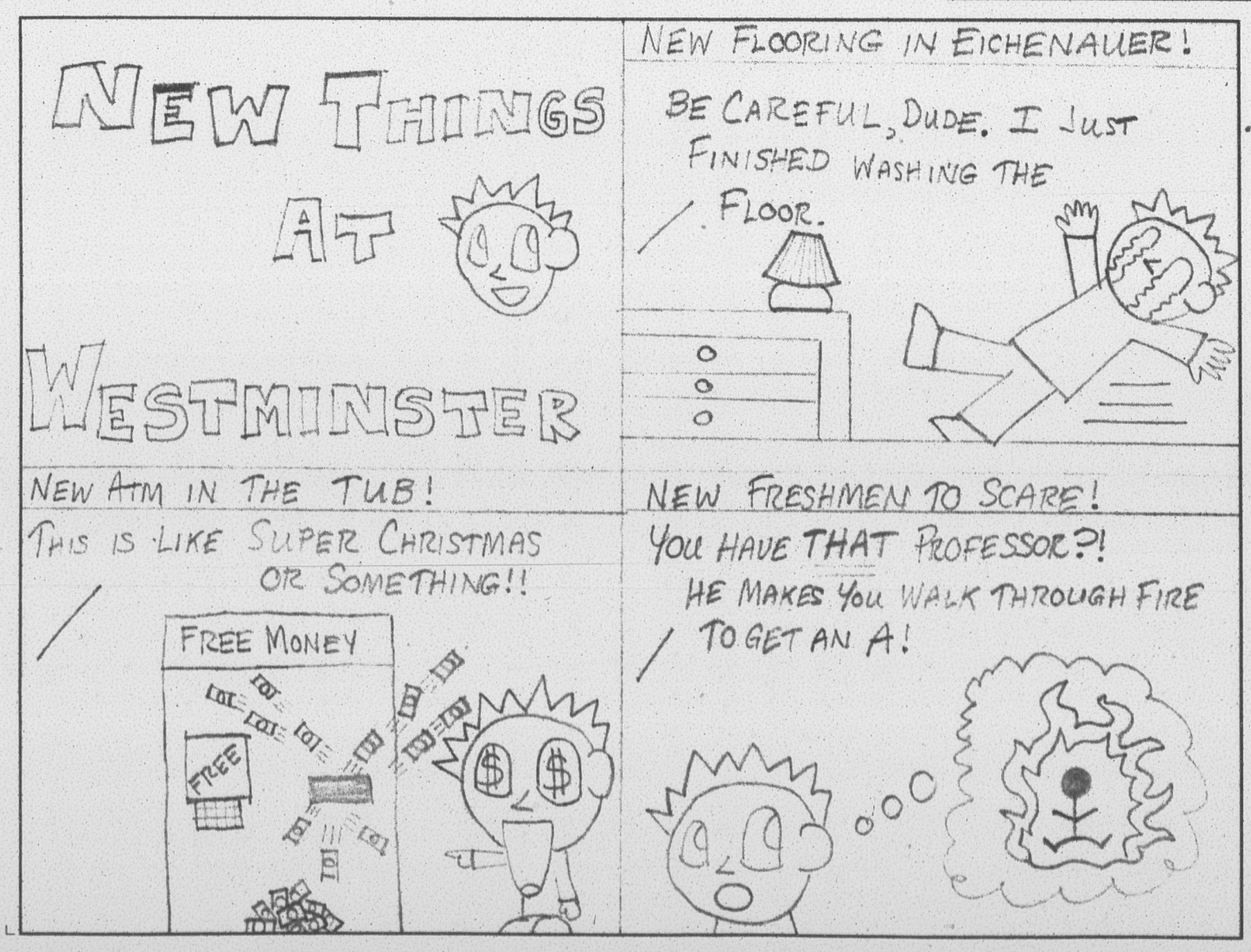

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REGIONAL

Head found floating in lake

Officials believe head is connected to other cases

BRISTOL, Pa. (AP) - A human head found floating in a Bucks County lake had all of the teeth pulled out, making identification a more difficult task, authorities said.

A Newportville firefighter fishing at Magnolia Lake in Bristol Township, Bucks County, saw a satchel floating by at about 6 p.m. Friday, spotted the head and flagged down a police car, officials said.

Bucks County authorities had wanted to compare the teeth in the head with dental records of Amire Johnson, 33, of Philadelphia, whose headless body was found among burning rubbish at 3 a.m. on Aug. 26 by firefighters in Chester, Delaware County.

But forensic dentist Dr. Haskill Askin found that the teeth had been pulled from the head, District Attorney Diane Gibbons said Sunday.

"It's clear that whoever did this is trying to conceal the identity," Gibbons said.

Bucks investigators hope to use samples taken from the Delaware County Medical Examiner to connect the cases. Officials cannot make a physical comparison because Johnson's body has already been cremated, so a DNA test is the best bet to identify the head, Gibbons said.

Johnson, a convicted drug dealer, was charged by Philadelphia authorities in April with robbery and was out on bail while awaiting trial, according to court records.

Man kills intruder in Pittsburgh home

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A man fatally shot an armed intruder who awoke him while he was sleeping, police said.

Officers found Charles Long, 32, of McKees Rocks, lying at the bottom of a staircase at a home in the city's Esplen neighborhood early Sunday, police said. He had been shot in the head and torso.

The Allegheny County medical examiner pronounced him dead at the scene around 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

A 27-year-old man and his girlfriend told police they were asleep when they heard someone kick open the front door and enter, Pittsburgh police Lt. Kevin Kraus said in a statement. The man confronted the armed intruder on the steps, disarmed him and shot him, Kraus said.

Police will consult with the county district attorney before determining whether any charges are warranted, Kraus said.

Police did not identify the man or his girlfriend.

Why soitenly! Little-known Three Stooges Museum

SPRING HOUSE, Pa. (AP) - Posing for a picture with life-size replicas of the Three Stooges, Gary Lassin smiled but didn't say "cheese."

"Woob-woob-woob-woob-woob!" he trilled in a Curly-like falsetto before breaking into a grin.

The statues of Larry, Moe and Curly are near the entrance to the Stoogeum, home of Lassin's large and priceless collection of Stooges memorabilia.

The Stoogeum (think "Stooges" plus "museum") has about 3,500 items on display, from Stooges bowling balls and cereal boxes to Shemp Howard's Army discharge, Larry Fine's driver's license and the flying submarine from "The Three Stooges in Orbit."

"This is as good as it gets," Lassin said.

Lassin, 52, opened the Stoogeum three years ago in a renovated architect's office that looks like a large house. It's a gold mine for fans of the three knuckleheads, but its off-the-beaten-path location in Spring House _ about 25 miles north of Philadelphia _ has made it a fairly well-kept secret.

"People sort of have to work to find me," Lassin said. "I do want people to see it, but I want them to see it on my terms."

Those terms include no photographs of the memorabilia, as he fears too much exposure will cheapen it. And admission is by appointment only because Lassin, who has a day job as an executive with a mail-order catalog company, is the Stoogeum's sole employee.

The museum-quality exhibits occupy three stories totaling 10,000 square feet, including an 85-seat theater. Rooms are filled with movie props, posters, toys, artwork, figurines, scripts and even a video game, while TV screens replay all the eye-poking, pie-throwing and general mayhem that made the Stooges famous.

"They have more stuff than I even imagined existed. Going through there is sort of like a trip through the history of pop culture in the 20th century," said Peter Seely, editor of the book "Stoogeology: Essays on the Three Stooges."

Yet what visitors see is only a sampling of Lassin's estimated 100,000 items. His collection is both historical and personal, documenting the slapstick performers' indelible place in entertainment but also preserving a family legacy: Lassin's wife's grandfather, Morris Feinberg, was the brother of Stooge Larry Fine (born Louis Feinberg).

For Lassin, their appeal is even easier to explain.

"They were funny. It's as simple as that," he said. "Laughter makes you feel good."

Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk!

Cost too high for Harrisburg-Lancaster line

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Costs per rider appear too high to justify a proposed rail line from Harrisburg to Lancaster, the state's transportation secretary said Sunday.

Citing Capital Area Transit projections that the proposed Corridor One line would carry 444 daily one-way passengers, Secretary Allen Biehler said the line would run an annual operating deficit approaching $11.5 million.

The deficit would require a $92 taxpayer subsidy per trip, Biehler wrote in a column Sunday in The Patriot-News of Harrisburg. He said that Gov. Ed Rendell's administration is unlikely to give it significant funding.

"To only look at those ridership numbers and forget about all the economic development this can bring in ... it just shows no vision," said John Ward, the president of the Modern Transit Partnership, a coalition spearheading the project.

Area lawmakers failed to secure state money for the line in the transportation spending plan passed in July. Advocates had hoped for about $10 million.

INTERNATIONAL

Hearts of Tour de France cyclists are bigger than normal, doctors say

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Riding the grueling Tour de France bike race takes strength, stamina --and perhaps a heart nearly 40 percent bigger than normal.

Researchers who examined the hearts of former Tour bikers found that the athletes' hearts were from 20 to 40 percent larger than average, said Dr. Francois Carre of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Rennes, France, speaking at a meeting of the European Society of Cardiology.

The difference is attributable largely to rigorous training that expands the cyclists' hearts. But researchers have not yet determined whether the athletes' hearts were larger to begin with.

"They are a special breed," said Dr. Richard Becker, a professor of medicine at Duke University and spokesman for the American Heart Association. Becker was not connected to Carre's study.

Scientists have long noticed the phenomenon of the "athlete's heart." Athletes who train hard in aerobic sports, such as cycling, running or swimming, tend to have a bigger heart that pumps more blood throughout the body.

The heart's walls become thicker to be able to handle the increased blood volume. That gives the athletes an edge by increasing their oxygen levels and improving their endurance.

Carre's study, funded by the Brittany provincial government in France, is perhaps the first to track what happens to athletes' hearts when they stop training.

Medical tests done on all Tour de France cyclists before the race begins showed virtually all have enlarged hearts, Carre said.

"When you see an athlete's heart test, you know right away that it's not a normal person," he said.

In his study, Carre tracked seven former professional cyclists through their final year of competition and three years of retirement.

Once a year, the cyclists took tests to check the size and function of the heart. They were also tested on their fitness levels.

Carre found that the athletes' hearts shrank nearly a quarter in size after they finished riding professionally. Still, the cyclists remained in excellent physical condition.

"Some athletes have a genetic predisposition to perform better," Carre said. "But we found that in these cyclists, their hearts adapted to the hard training conditions by just getting bigger."

The intense training that Tour de France athletes undergo to race in a three-week-long competition cycling up and down mountains is arguably among the toughest in professional sports.

"When you examine Tour de France athletes, they are probably among the best-trained athletes in the world," said Dr. Alfred Bove, a physician for the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team and vice president of the American College of Cardiology. "This study shows us that even in extreme conditions, the body finds a way to adapt."

Bove said that in athletes with bigger hearts, doping could prove potentially more dangerous than for normal people.

Athletes with bigger hearts have more red blood cells, which deliver oxygen around the body. These cells are thicker than normal cells. So if athletes decide to use an illegal agent like the blood-booster EPO, they run the risk of making their blood too thick. That puts them in danger of a clot, stroke, or heart attack.

"These athletes already have hearts that have increased in volume to adapt to their training workload," Bove said. "If they then go and use drugs, that could potentially erase the natural advantage they already have."

Taxi drivers given dress code

Malaysian drivers face fines if they don't wear socks and shoes

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Authorities are warning taxi drivers of hefty fines if they are caught without socks, shoes and the other proper attire prescribed by a licensing board, an official said Monday.

The dress code requires taxi drivers to tuck in their shirts _ which have to be white, not the beige that many have been wearing.

Pants must be dark, no sandals are allowed, and shoes must be leather ones worn with socks, said Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board chairman Markiman Kobiran.

"Even though it's trivial, it reflects the entire profession," Markiman told The Associated Press.

He said the board can fine drivers who do not dress properly up to $87.

Richard Leow, secretary of a local taxi drivers' association, said the fine was too high given that taxi drivers only earn about $20 a day.

Leow said one of his drivers received the maximum fine last week for wearing jeans.

"This is too much. I saw him, and he was dressed very neatly. The passenger cannot even see the drivers' pants," he said. "(The board) is really harassing all the drivers. This is unreasonable."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Dancing With the Stars celebrities came to New Wilmington

Not one but two of the new stars of ABC's hit show Dancing with the Stars are headed to New Wilmington in this fall. Las Vegas icon and entertainer Wayne Newton and TV performer Marie Osmond are scheduled to appear at Westminster College this fall for the new Celebrity Series season. ABC television revealed Thursday that Newton and Osmond will appear on "Dancing with the Stars" which begins a new season on September 24. Dancing with the Stars kicks off it's fifth season with three telecasts that week. That means Newton will appear on the show on Wednesday night and travel to New Wilmington for his Thursday, September 27 concert. Osmond will bring her Christmas show to town December 12. All of shows for Celebrity Series bring well know artists and acts to Orr Auditorium on the Westminster Campus.

Bedford Downs may seek a deal with competing race track proposal

A state lawmaker representing both Lawrence and Beaver Counties says the developers of the Bedford Downs Race Track and Casino are cooking up a deal with their competitors in Beaver County to make sure they get the final harness racing license in Pennsylvania. The Tribune-Review says Representative Chris Sainato are taking about working together in order to make sure this race track deal does come to the area. Bedford Downs went head to head with a project called Valley View in neighboring Beaver County. Lawrence County businessman Carmen Shick appealed the rejection of the Bedford Down's licnese all the way to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and recently resubmitted his proposal. While developers aren't saying anything, local leaders claim developers from both counties are looking at ways to create a proposal that will win over state officials with the harness racing commission.

NATIONAL

South Dakota company says new technology will squeeze more ethanol from corn

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - A company that has been making ethanol from corn for more than 20 years says its ethanol research should allow it to squeeze 27 percent more fuel from each acre of the crop.

Poet, a privately owned ethanol producer in Sioux Falls, plans to expand its dry-mill ethanol plant in Emmetsburg, Iowa, to produce alternative fuel not only from corn kernels, but also the cobs and stalks normally left behind in the fields.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who toured the company's headquarters and research lab last week, said there is only so much ethanol that can be made from corn starch.

"It's just a way of moving on to have further independence from foreign sources of energy," he said. "It's a way of doing more to clean up the environment, and it's obviously going to put money in farmers' pockets."

So-called cellulosic ethanol is basically fuel made from plants or plant waste -- something other than a corn kernel. Making fuel from this biomass costs about twice as much as cooking up corn-based fuel, government researchers say.

The U.S. Department of Energy earlier this year awarded $385 million to six companies hoping to build the nation's first big biomass-to-fuel plants. Poet is slated to receive $80 million in grant money, which is part of the Bush administration's goal of making cellulosic ethanol competitive by 2012.

Poet, formerly Broin Cos., plans to convert its 50-million-gallon-per-year Emmetsburg plant into one of the nation's first commercial cellulosic biorefineries. Once complete, it is expected to produce 125 million gallons per year -- 25 percent of them from corn cobs and fiber. That means each bushel of corn could yield 11 percent more fuel.

Jeff Broin, Poet's president and chief executive officer, said focusing its cellulosic ethanol research on the corn plant is a natural for a firm that operates 20 ethanol plants in the heart of corn country.

"All of our existing facilities are located in the Midwest," he said. "And of course they're surrounded by cellulose _ and that cellulose is actually corn stover, corn cobs."

The company has been testing the process in its Sioux Falls lab as it prepares to set up a pilot-scale model at its research center in Scotland.

Corn cobs, which are the densest part of corn, are easy to harvest and can be removed from the field without causing soil erosion or stealing soil nutrients. The company plans to harvest about 4,000 acres of cobs using various methods and equipment this fall in South Dakota.

Incentives are key to help the young cellulosic industry, Grassley said. He said there would not be a corn ethanol industry at all if Congress had not passed tax incentives 25 years ago.

"I suppose for 20 years people wondered was it really doing any good," he said. "Now you're really seeing it blossom."

Grassley said he expects the Senate to include money in the upcoming farm bill for cellulosic feedstock production incentives.

Flower children remember summer of love

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Even the closing of the Bay Bridge could not keep thousands of nostalgic flower children away from San Francisco's Golden Gate Park to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Summer of Love.

More than 100 performers, some who were there the first time around, took the stage Sunday in a free concert to commemorate the year San Francisco became the world's countercultural capital.

An estimated 50,000 people came together to celebrate peace, love and understanding, organizers said, despite the Labor Day weekend shutdown of the bridge connecting Oakland to San Francisco for repairs.

The nine-hour event began with blessings by Native American shamans and ended with Jolie Valente, son of the late Dino Valente of Quicksilver Messenger Service, singing his father's song "Get Together."

San Francisco police said the gathering proceeded harmoniously, with no major incidents reported.

"Just nothing but love," police Sgt. Mark Im said.

Campus News

Students welcome Class of 2011

By Megan Hoffman
Staff writer

Upperclassmen clad in purple tye-dyed t-shirts greeted the class of 2011 on Friday, Aug. 24.

The Fresh Start staff welcomed the 317 freshmen and 18 transfer to campus. The new students spent their first weekend on campus keeping busy with Fresh Start orientation activities.

"When talking to both first-year students and the Fresh Start staff, everyone seemed to really enjoy the Fresh Start program," junior Fresh Start coordinator Bridget Roth said.

Some of the Fresh Start activities were Singled Out, Titan Traverse, the Fresh Start dance, a book discussion, a new meet and greet session and a late night entertainment show performed by the Fresh Start leaders.

"I really enjoyed the Late Night show, and the skits were really funny," first-year student Kayla Olson said. "It was just a good way to kick back and relax after a long day of Fresh Start."

A meet and greet time called "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" was added to this year's program following talks with upcoming Fresh Start leaders. During their interviews, the staff expressed that it would be beneficial to include extra time getting to know people from other groups.

"The meet and greet time was a good way for the first-year students and the Fresh Start leaders to interact with each other and to get to know each other on a less structured level," junior Fresh Start leader Aimee Gerber said.

The addition of the new meet and greet time was just a small part of all the planning that goes into the Fresh Start program. Unbeknownst to many people, it takes a year's worth of time and planning to have Fresh Start ready for incoming students. Everything from the book used for the book discussion to the games played during Titan Traverse are carefully chosen to fit in with the values of the program.

"As the Junior Coordinator, I did not recognize how much behind-the-scenes work goes into the Fresh Start program," Roth said. "It takes a whole year to plan Fresh Start, which is something even most of the Fresh Start leaders don't realize."

One consideration that goes into the planning is deciding which book to use for the book discussion. This year, The Kite Runner was used for the book discussion for the second year in a row. The book discussion on the first day of Fresh Start gives incoming students a chance to discuss the book with their peers. The Fresh Start program only uses the same book for two years, so next year the book will be changed.

Other changes for next year might include moving Titan Traverse from Sunday afternoon to earlier in the week. Many Fresh Start leaders expressed that it would help the new students to warm up to one another if Titan Traverse is sooner.

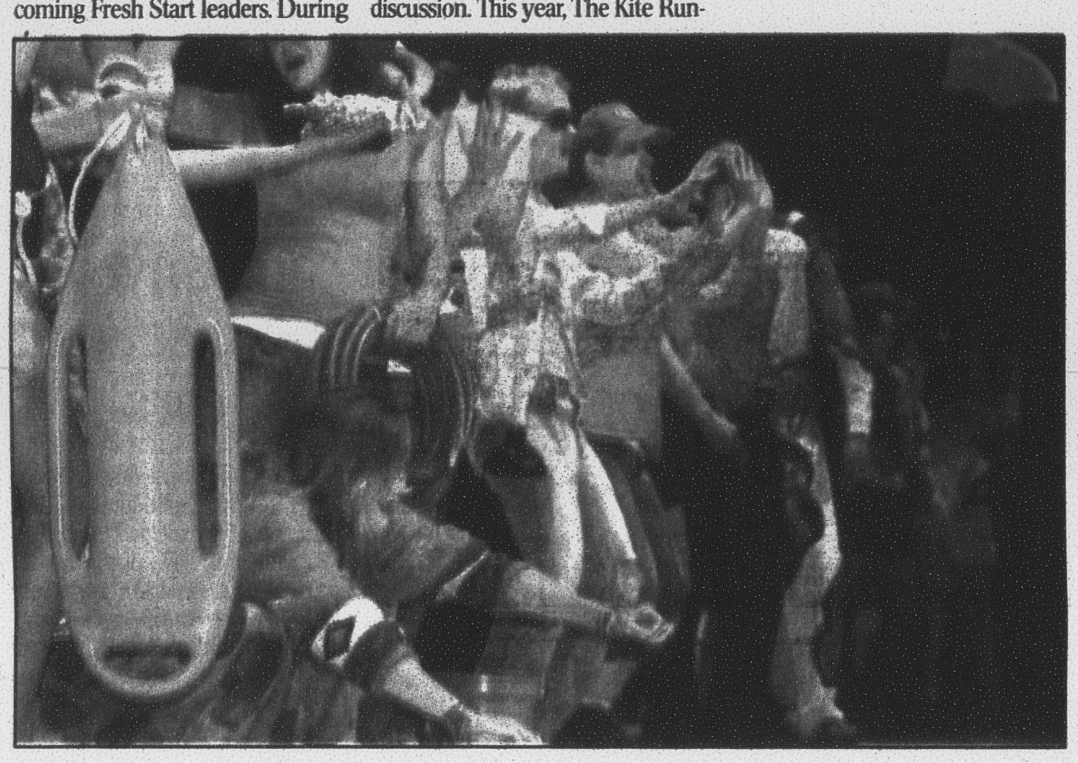
Overall, the Fresh Start program was successful in making the incoming class acquainted with the campus.

"I actually really enjoyed the Fresh Start program, because it was a great way to meet the people in our graduating class and learn about activities and the campus," freshman Rachel Jack said. "It was also a great way to meet the upper classmen who were our fresh start leaders, and they were all so fun and helpful."

Photos taken by Laura DellAntonio

Fresh Start leaders help freshmen transition into college life

Students welcomed the 317 freshmen and 18 transfer students through the Fresh Start program held Aug. 24-27. Above: Fresh Start leaders help the freshmen move in. Below left: The leaders put on a late-night entertainment show. Botom right: Freshmen attend Singled Out, one of the many activities held during Fresh Start.



Compliments to the chef

By Laura Henry
Staff writer

As students head into yet another academic year spending much of their time in the TUB and McGinness Dining Hall, they will have the pleasure of seeing both the familiar and unfamiliar faces of the dining staff.

With much work and preparation to be done, members of the dining staff each take on a different role. Returning to McKelvey, Beth Sammons continues her many TUB manager responsibilities. Sammons is also the catering manager, and works along side Glenda Antus who supports the catering department. Other members of the TUB employees include the "front of the house" supervisors Candie Domaine and Rob Fraizer. The college also welcomes to the staff Executive Chef Scott Turner. Turner is a new addition who will head all food production. He is a resource for menu development, alternates positions throughout the TUB and trains other staff members. Along with his previous duties, Turner also supports the McGinness culinary team.

The dining staff returning to McGinness includes Cathy Kress and Carol Shibler. Kress can be contacted for requests such as boxed lunches, concessions, pre or post game and event meals and bulk pick up products. Shibler can aid with food related problems and is the office administrative assistant. Likewise, McGinness also has a new addition to the staff, Sous Chef George Martini. Martini will lead the culinary program in McGinness, but also manage the service counters and help with the menu cycle.

Both chefs are glad to be a part of the college's dining team.

"I started in the restaurant business when I was 16 years old to pay for my car, and I never left," Turner said. "I always knew that's what I wanted to do."

Turner graduated with honors and excelled in his program receiving an outstanding GPA at Pittsburgh's Institute of Culinary Arts. At 21 years of age, he headed the Brookfield Diner. Later he headed the Middlesex Diner, and from there he worked seven years with the Grove City dining staff. He currently lives in Sharon, and shares a home with his wife and two sons. During Turner's free time, he enjoys working on cars and collecting baseball cards.

Martini is also enthusiastic about his new position.

"I love to cook, and I love to eat," Martini said. "I also love meeting new people and satisfying my customers."

Martini graduated from New York's Culinary Institute of America. He originally wanted to work in home design, but later decided that becoming a chef was his calling. Martini had also previously cooked in the Navy. He was employed at the Iron Skillet Truck Stop, and worked for ten years as operations supervisor for North Eastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Martini lives in the suburbs of Austintown with his wife Anne Martini, who is a Westminster College alumnus. During his free time, Martini enjoys digital photography and editing videos.

Sophomore Spanish and psychology major Rachel Hudson describes Turner, Martini and the other members of the dining staff as always being friendly and very nice. The real question that new arrivals and visitors to campus often ask, however, is "How's the food?" Hudson claims that they have nothing to fear.

"I like it [the food], to be honest," Hudson said. "There is a decent amount of choices, and the cafeteria has a good brunch."

It turns out that the dining staff is not only hard working and experienced, but they also leave their customers full and satisfied.

Photo taken by Ben Jarrett

Executive Chef Scott Turner is a new addition to the culinary staff, who will head all food production.

Renovations continue for McGill library

By Allison Houser
Staff writer

More than eight months into the much needed renovation of McGill Library, students are finally able to use the campus' best resource again.

Renovations are not yet completed, but students and staff will find many exciting changes when they visit McGill this semester.

"They won't be able to recognize the ground floor," Molly Spiney, head librarian, said.

The ground floor has new carpeting, a new ceiling and new paint. New restrooms will be completed soon, and the curriculum library has been moved there. Also, all books that used to be located in the Ferguson room have been relocated to compact shelving on the ground floor, in addition to cataloging and technology services.

Currently, everything in the library is available to students except the computer lab. The lab will be moving to the room next to its former location, and Spiney hopes it will be ready for student use by Sept. 17 when Inquiry Library Instruction is scheduled to begin. This lab will contain about the same number of computers as its predecessor.

Some books are still in boxes, but all of them are still there. If students are unable to find what they are looking for, they are encouraged to ask a library employee for help. Additionally, periodicals are still being housed in the basement of Russell Hall, but these will be transferred to more compact shelving on the ground floor soon.

Library employees are also extremely thrilled about the new elevator, since they were scared of the old one.

"Oh, my gosh, it was awful," junior Lindsey Stankiewicz, a library employee said. "You weren't able to ride on it. You had to load the books on it and then meet it on the level it was going to. It decided to just stop every so often. I never rode on it because I was told not to."

The library was closed all summer so that renovations could continue without interference. This greatly affected students taking classes during the summer sessions and New Wilmington residents who use the library on a daily basis. Those working on the renovations have been trying their hardest not to disrupt normal campus life. They begin their work day at 4 a.m. and finish by noon to keep the level of noise at a minimum.

Perhaps the most exciting change to the library is its new heating and air conditioning system. This will help preserve the collection.

All changes completed so far are part of Phase One, which will be fully complete sometime in mid-October. Phase Two is scheduled to begin following this school year's commencement. During Phase Two, the current entrance will be closed, and the entryway will be converted into a new seminar room. A new entrance will be moved to the south end of the building, opposite the current Market Street entrance, where the main entry was actually located until the 1930s. This second phase will not be as invasive to students and staff as Phase One has been.

Many students look forward to the renovation's completion.

"I just can't wait to get the computer lab back," senior Kate Molinaro said. "It was the lab I used most often, and I like the convenience of it being in the library."

Sports

Lady Titans earn win, tie in home tournament

By Melissa Kramer
Sports writer

The women's soccer team kicked off their season over the weekend by hosting Aurora and Adrian in the Westminster/Grove City Soccer Invitational.

The Titans first game of the season was played against Aurora and ended in a draw due to darkness. Aurora's Kim Knaub scored the first goal in the 39th minute. Westminster's senior defender Brittany McKee tied the game in the 82nd minute on a goal assisted by senior midfielder Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman.

"I was happy Kaitlyn was able to play a great ball to me in the box which gave me the opportunity to score," McKee said.

Sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott made eight saves during the season opener.

The soccer team achieved their first win of the season during the second day of the invitational with a 4-0 shutout against Adrian, improving their record to 1-0-1.

"I feel that everyone, even the alternates, really stepped up to the task during our game," Etzel-Hardman said. "Everyone worked extremely hard to come out with the win."

Etzel-Hardman, assisted by freshman Sarah Nee, scored the first goal in the 17th minute.

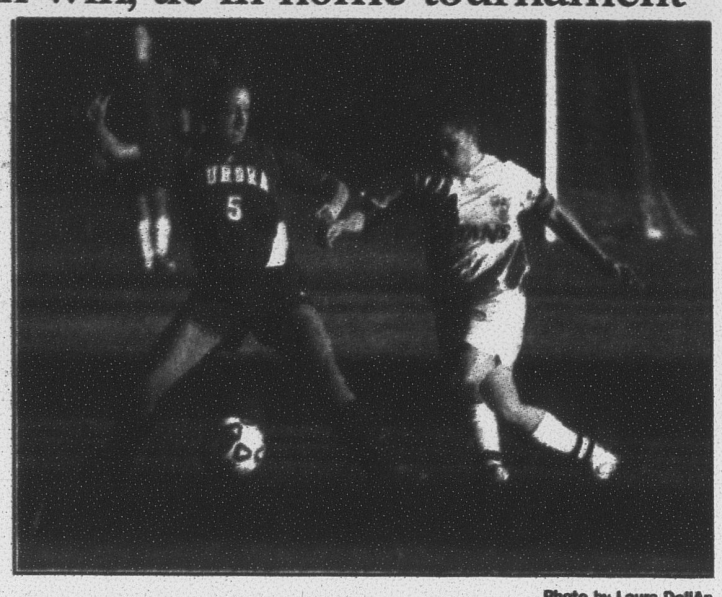


Photo by Laura DellAn

Senior defender Brittany McKee steals the ball from an Aurora player. McKee scored the lone Titan goal of the game, which ended in a 1-1 tie.

Sophomore reserve Lauren Graeser scored a breakaway goal seconds before the end of the first-half. Etzel-Hardman assisted on the goal.Senior Kristen Martin scored in the 75th minute followed by freshman reserve Hannah Schade in the 81st minute.

Mellott and sophomore Christine Clawges had three and one saves, respectively, to earn the shutout.

The shutout was the first by the Titans, as well as the first win.

"Our defense, which I am a part of, and goalie are working to beat the shutout record of 15 which was achieved my sophomore year," McKee said.

"We are hoping to bring home the PAC title again this year. By doing so, we hope to make it back into the NCAA tournament and go further than we have in years past," added Etzel-Hardman.

The women's soccer team will travel to Pitt-Bradford for their next match up.

Titan men bouce back from double OT loss, pick up first win

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

After claiming the title of PAC champions in 2006, the men's soccer team is back for another season of play. To start off the season, the Titans hosted the Westminster Soccer Invitational.

The Titans fell short by one goal to Mt. Union on Friday, Aug. 31. Mt. Union was able to put one away in the first half. The Titans continued to battle back, however, when senior Garrett Horvath scored a goal 65 minutes into the game from a cross by sophomore Ian Hill.

Both teams continued to battle into overtime. Neither team was able to score in the first round of over time.

In the second overtime, Mt. Union put one past the Titans with five seconds remaining in play. Although the Titans were unable to post a win this game, they plan to work hard and become a better team.

"It's a heartbreaking loss, but also a lessoned learned," Horvath said. "There is absolutely no reason why we can't bounce back."

On Saturday, Sept. 1, the second day of the tournament, the Titans prepared for a game against Point Park. Both teams battled through the beginning of the game, resulting in a scoreless first half. In the second half, the Titans scored five goals and claimed a victory over Point Park.

Both the offense and defense worked in synergy to pull off this victory as the Titans were able to get 26 shots as opposed to Point Park's single shot.

Sophomore forward Brice Lott was able to put two goals away to lead the Titans, whilen Horvath, freshman Alan Baldwin and senior J.R. Little each posted a goal.

"We knew we could beat them and went out to prove that and make a statement saying we are one of the best," Titan defender Justin Rivas said.

"The team is looking pretty strong this year," sophomore Justin Flowers said. "Our team chemistry is a lot better at the beginning of this season than it was at this time last season."

Starting out the season with one win and one loss is a good way to start, but the Titans plan to work harder to become a better team.

"We believe that we are the best team in the PACs, and anything short of another PAC championship would be a disappointment," Rivas said.

The Titans travel to Pitt-Bradford for a 4:00 p.m. game on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The Titans know that they have to work hard in their practices in the days to come.

"This week's game should be all about preparation, how we as individuals and as a team prepare ourselves to win our fist away game of the season," Horvath said.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

My Favorite Things

As another September finally arrives, most think of school and the work it implies. For me September means the beginning of the NFL season which will no doubt have me grinning. The magic of college football comes too, just ask Appalachian State about the Big Blue.

Truly, one of the most anticipated events of my calendar year takes place this Thursday, September 6, 2007, when the defending champion Indianapolis Colts try to defend their title against the NFC runner-up New Orleans Saints. This game promises to be a shootout with Peyton Manning and Drew Brees firing the shots.

When the dust settles and John Madden stops talking to board the bus, Indianapolis will start the season with a win. Let's face it, somebody in every locker room is saying, "You can't win 'em all if you don't win the first one," just ask Madden.

Although the national media has focused in on the NFL opener, the biggest rivalry might be the one that pits Pennsylvania against Ohio. The Browns and Steelers hold one the NFL's most storied rivalries.

When I think of a Browns versus Steelers match-up, I definitely consider my favorite things. These favorite things are just like the favorite things on The Sound Of Music, with a pinch of "Mike and Mike" style.

"Watching Pittsburgh pound the Browns while eating some wings; these are a few of my favorite things. Watching Cleveland fans whine as their season crumbles; laughing and joking every time Chuck Frye fumbles. Cleveland will look to next season to see what draft day brings, these are a few of my favorite things."

The Atlanta Falcons will meet the Minnesota Vikings this week, a game in which Atlanta will come out victorious. As an aside, Michael Vick's Georgia Penal team looks to defeat its long time rival, the Greyhounds. Not surprisingly, Vick's team is heavily favored knowing how well his past record is for beating and destroying dogs.

Undoubtedly the marquee match-up of the college football slate this weekend is when ninth ranked Virginia Tech travels to Louisiana to meet the number two ranked team in the country, LSU. There is no doubt that Frank Beamer's bunch will be ready for what is sure to be an emotionally charged football game.

However, LSU has a decided advantage on the offensive side of the football. Unless the Hokies can win with "Beamer Ball" and make some great plays on special teams, I think LSU gets mentioned as possibly being the best college football team in the country.

Ohio St. should be in for about as big of a nail-biter as Tiger Woods usually is when he plays golf. Ohio St. will easily roll over Akron. Penn St. has a tougher match-up when Notre Dame comes to town. With the way Notre Dame looked in week one, and with the expected start of true freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen, Penn St. should get a quality victory and possibly take a leap in the polls.

As the September swoon hits and we say goodbye to summer and spring, I am truly looking forward to enjoying a few of my favorite things.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Football opens season with triumph over Gators

By Bob Long
Sports writer

With training camp behind them, the Titans came out strong in week 1 against the Allegheny Gators.

The Titans, led by senior quarterback Brett Myers, traveled to Meadville Saturday to start the season off. With the help of Myers and a dominant defense, the Titans won 13-6, proving their power to the Gators.

"The key was a great team effort, the line played great, my receivers caught well, the running game was working, and the defense let up only 6 points," Meyers said.

Westminster received the ball first and had their first chance on offense this year. The drive started at the Westminster 36 yard line. Due to a gain of 25 yards on a rush by Nick McKolosky, the Titans pushed their way into Gator territory. One play later, Brett Myers hit Josh Kutzner for a 14 yard gain putting the Titans on the 12 yard line.

The Titans scored on a 12 yard pass from Myers to sophomore tight end Gary Hustler. The first quarter ended with Westminster up 7-0 after multiple defensive stops by both teams.

The Titans came out in the second quarter with a drive inside Gator territory that eventually led to a blocked field goal by Allegheny. The Titans forced a turnover on downs after eight Gator plays and got the ball back on their own 39 yard line.

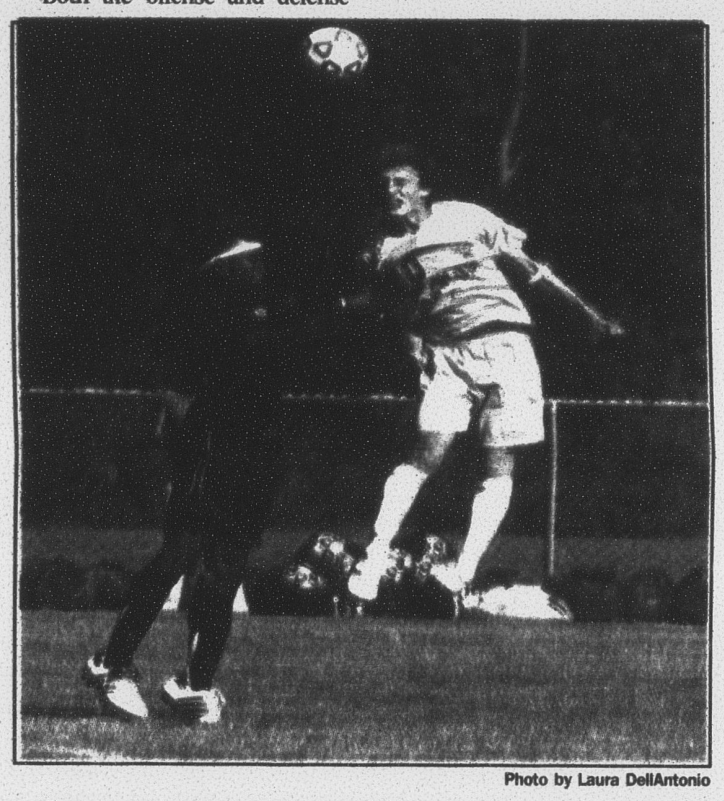
Myers started the drive off with two straight completions. The key play of the drive came after a holding call forced the Titans into a second-15. Myers connected on the next two passes, a 7 yard gain by Jason Discello, and a 17 yard reception by Brett Ziegler for the first down. Three plays later, place kicker Fred Romeo kicked a 30 yard field goal, which placed the Titans ahead 10-0. This score carried into halftime.

The defenses battled back and forth allowing no points until the end of the third quarter when Allegheny quarterback T.J. Salopek hit his man in the end zone for a 36 yard touchdown pass. However, the Gators missed the extra point and that took the score to 10-6.

There was minimal action in the fourth quarter as both offenses were bogged down. One key play occurred when senior defensive back Eric Brown blocked an Allegheny field goal inside the red zone leading to a Titan field goal from 20 yards. The score was then 13-6 Westminster, which held until the end as Westminster won their first opener since 2000.

"I think I would have to say Eric Brown was the key to the game because not only did he make a great play at the end of the game, but he made some key plays like blocking the punt and other knockdowns," Meyers said.

The Titans will be back in action next week at Geneva. The game will start at 1:30 as they attempt to make the season 2-0.



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Freshman defender Mark Heckert leaps up for a header, beating a Mount Union player in the 1-2 loss on Aug. 31.

Lady Titans tennis opens with conference victory

Team hopes experience plus new players will equal a PAC title

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The women's tennis team proved that it can secure second place in the PAC last year. Now, the Titans are ready to take the next step and aim for a conference title as they enter the 2007 season.

The four returning starters are seniors Christina Commisso, Dana Larson and Trista Houck, and sophomore April Scudere.

"I am very excited for this season," Commisso said. "We have three new girls on the team who have proven themselves to be essential players."

Scudere became the team's first PAC champion in two seasons last year when she captured the No. 4 singles title. in the finals. A first-team all-PAC honoree, Scudere compiled a team-best singles record of 16-4 last year, including a 9-2 mark at No. 4.

Commisso, a 2004 PAC singles champion, brings a wealth of experience. Commisso was 8-7 in singles play last year - primarily at No. 3 - and is back at the No. 1 doubles spot this year after she and Larson compiled an 8-7 doubles mark record together, including a 7-5 mark at No. 1 doubles.

Larson posted a 9-11 overall record in Nos. 1 and 2 singles last year. Houck was 3-4 in singles action and 9-8 in overall doubles action.

Also looking to make in impact will be juniors Beth Erwin, Gwen Gorski and Melissa Maines, sophomores Hilary Newman and Linda Farnham, and freshmen Natalie Hruska and Rachel Jack.

"I think the upcoming season is going to be a very successful one," Jack said. "We started out strong against Waynesburg and I hope we can continue that success in our upcoming matches."

The tennis team won its first match of the season with an 8-1 victory at Waynesburg in PAC action. The Titans (1-0) took all three doubles matches and five out of six singles matches.

"Overall, we played well, which I think was a result from the hard work our coach guided us through during these beginning two weeks of the season," Scudere noted.

Multiple winners included Scudere winning at No. 1 singles over Laura Garcia in straight sets (6-3, 6-0) while pairing with Newman at No. 2 doubles for an 8-3 over Garcia and Blakeley Mall. Newman also won at No. 3 singles.

Other multiple winners were Commisso at No. 4 singles and No. 1 doubles and Jack at No. 3 doubles and No. 5 singles. Jack's singles win over Jess Mally was decided by a 10-4 tiebreaker.

returns to action September 6 at home against non-conference opponent Frostburg State.

Injuries hold Lady Titans back at first tournament

By Tom Campana
Sports writer

On Friday August 31st, the women's Volleyball team opened play as they traveled to Mt. Union for a two day, eight team tournament. The Lady Titans won their first game by beating Dennison College 3-1. They then lost to host, Mt. Union in a 0-3 shut out, but not before losing sophomore setter Corrie Gasser to a separated patella

"We were proud to walk out of our first tournament with a 2-2 mark, it has been the best we've done in a while at this particular tournament," said Gasser.

The Lady Titans resumed play on Saturday September 1st. The y beat Case Western in a 3-1 victory in route to a 2-1 over all record. Sophomore Devin Kelley sustained a concussion while diving for a ball in the game. The last game played was against the number 2 seed John Carroll Blue Streak. The Lady Titans dropped all 3 games to the Blue Streak in a closing tournament record of 2-2.

"I thought we played well, there are something's we need to clean up but, I was pleased with how we stayed focus after the injuries we had," head coach Tammy Swearingen said.

According to Swearingen the lady titans will have to figure out whether they best fit the 6-2 setting rotation or if they need to move to a 5-1 due to injuries .

"I was happy that Jenna Hinks stepped up and ran the offense after injuries and sudden positions changes," Swearingen said.

"From what I remember I thought we looked very good," Kelley said.

The ladies will continue play this weekend at the Wooster Invitational on September 7 and 8.

Under new coach, cross country teams finish strong at invitational

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The men's and women's cross country teams begin an exciting new era this upcoming season. For the first time in the history of the program, the cross country team will have a full-time coach.

Tim McNeil, a 1996 alumnus, was hired as the head coach of the Titan cross-country teams as well as the track and field teams in July.

"I am very excited to be back at Westminster College. The Cross Country Team has been working extremely hard to prepare for the season," McNeil said.

The Titan men return four out of five lettermen, including seniors Joey Knott, Will DeLair and Cory Criss. Junior Aaron Titus is also back after lettering in 2006.

"It may take a few years to revitalize the program and get it to the competition level where Coach McNeil wants it, but so far it has been great to see the tremendous difference in team dynamics and energy that is formed." DeLair explained.

The women's team returns six of eight letter-winners from 2006, including sophomore standout Elizabeth Beardsley. She was the team MVP last year after placing 22nd at the PAC Championships to earn second-team all-PAC honors. Beardsley ran the 6-kilometer race at Waynesburg in a time of 26:30.

Senior Leanna Stitt is also returning after she placed 40th at the PAC meet and earned second-team Academic All-District honors last year. Other returning letter-winners for the Titan women include senior Amy Carroll, junior Shalyn Eakin, and sophomores Michelle Bistrica and Amanda Everett.

"The girls team is pretty small this year. We started the year with eight girls and some early season injuries, Bistrica said." "The good news is we have all the returning scorers from last year's PAC meet back for this season."

The cross-country teams hosted the Fisher Invitational Saturday to start the 2007 season. The Titan men placed fourth out of nine teams, while the Titan women took seventh out of eight teams.

"It is just great to be back at school and running with the team again, because we really are a family!" Bistrica said.

The top finishers for the Titans men's team were sophomore Jeremiah Patterson with a 16th-place time of 29:49.6, DeLair with a 22nd-place time of 30:34.5 and junior Andrew Brown with a 23rd-place time of 30:36.4. The Lady Titans top finishers were Beardsley with a 29th-place finish at 21:53.7, Everett in 42nd-place at 22:37.2 and freshman Jasmine Grady in 44th at 22:42.9.

The men and women return to action at California (Pa.) on Saturday, September 8, 2007.

Arts & Entertainment

CD review

The Starting Line's growth in the right *Direction*

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I remember when a band named "The Starting Line" played at Volleyrock.

I was only a young high-school townie then, and now, nearly five years later, not much has changed: I'm still a townie, and I'm still a fan of The Starting Line. However, The Starting Line is not the same band it was when it graced the stage of Anderson Ampitheatre. But with the release of its third full- length record entitled, *Direction*, The Starting Line has finally found its niche.

Direction, this new release from the quartet from Philadelphia, is one of the strongest pop-rock records I have heard in a while. Boasting the hit the single "Island," a fast, catchy rock song which is being played on radio stations across America, *Direction* possesses many of the characteristics that make pop-rock great.

Aside from "Island," *Direction* has a slew of incredibly infections tracks. Track two, entitled "21," is a hooky, ear-catching tune about turning twenty-one and having to deal with the privilege of being able to legally drink. "Way With Words" is another catchy melody that had me singing out loud in my car all summer. The songs

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"Hurry," "Birds," and "Somebody's Gonna Miss Us," also keep their heads above water as solid pop-rock songs.

However, *Direction* has more to offer other than fast, sing-a-long songs. The track "Something Left To Give," is a stand-out slower track that uses soft-acoustic guitars and well-placed gang vocals. Vasoli's lyrical prowess shows on this song as well; "I've got stars in my great big sky/I shall gaze upon without leaving small ones behind."

"Need To Love" is a mellow, more delicate song that shows The Starting Line's ability to bring more influences to the table, such as Death Cab for Cutie and Wilco.

Direction, however, is no *Say It Like You Mean It*. The first release by The Starting Line, (which, according to their website, sold over 300,000 copies and was recorded when many of the band members were only teenagers) was an album that defined the pop-punk genre of the new millennium. However, *Direction* shows how much The Starting Line has grown up since it released *SILYMI*. Although *SILYMI* is still my favorite record, *Direction* is a close second. Vasoli's vocals are fabulous on every track. Vasoli is able to keep a poise behind the microphone that few are able to. His ability to both yell and sing at the same time is captivating. Also, the expansion of his musical influence to include many different artists has molded The Starting Line into a style all their own.

Although *Direction* may not rack up as my favorite The Starting Line record, the band takes a major step forward on this record. With age, The Starting Line has matured and has seemed to have found what it is looking for: both contentment, and direction.

Phest rocks for HITW camps

By Laura Henry
Staff writer

The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house was filled with excitement, music, and free Red Bull energy drinks, during Phi Tau's second annual benefit concert, the Phi Tau Phest.

Saturday Sept. 1, four to five hundred students, sporadically throughout the night, visited the fraternity's house for live music including J.D. Eicher, Valley Below, Another Found Self, InFamous, London, and Tasty Cakes. During this dry event ten dollar tee shirts were sold, students had the opportunity of purchasing band merchandise, and donation containers were passed around.

A basket, "The WC Student Package," containing merchandise from local businesses including WalMart, Staples, the Wright Place Salon, Pizza Joe's, South Beach Tanning, and others, was also raffled off. At 12 a.m. a Phi Tau member announced the winner of the raffle, senior Laura DellAntonio.

All fundraising, sales, and proceeds went in support of Hole in the Wall Camps, Phi Kappa Tau's national philanthropy and an opportunity for terminally ill children to momentarily escape reality, having an enjoyable summer.

The evening had a late start of 8:15 p.m. due to minor equipment problems, but ran smoothly for the rest of the evening once corrected. Like any other punk rock concert strobe, black, and spot lights; loud music; a screaming crowd; and more, entertained the fans. The Phest was sponsored by Red Bull Energy Drink Company, who provided over eleven hundred canned beverages. Much of the Phest preparation was done by junior Johnny Nagy. Nagy was able to obtain Red Bull as a sponsor and was responsible for coordinating the band entertainment. During the Phest, Nagy and other brothers helped the bands with their equipment and merchandise sale, worked the philanthropy table, checked I.D.s, and provided guest assistance.

"The best thing about the night was having everyone supporting the charity and helping as much as they could," Nagy said.

Phi Tau secretary, senior Jared McConkey, also helped throughout the evening. McConkey answered questions about the bands and proceeds, cleared out the basement, and set up tables.

"It seemed like everyone had a lot of fun," McConkey said. "Everyone came to see different things, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

One of the many students who attended the Phest, sophomore Lindsey Guthrie said that the event appeared to be a success due to the amount of people and their excitement.

"I would go next year," Guthrie said. "It allowed me to meet people on campus that I wouldn't normally meet and it was a lot of fun."

The Hole in the Wall Camps have facilities throughout the US- two in Europe, and one Africa location. These camps allow sick children to temporarily take their minds off their illnesses and enjoy themselves.

The money raised is used to provide the children with food, medicine, toys, and other items they may need. The donations also go toward electricity and other costs associated with the camps. Due to the help of Phi Tau fraternitie nationwide, children are able to enjoy their summers hiking, swimming, singing around bonfires, and other fun outdoor activities free of charge to their families.

The Phi Tau brothers plan to hold the Phi Tau Phest next year and in years to come. They also ask students, staff, and faculty to continue to show their support. Donations for Hole in the Wall Camps are still being collected. The last day to turn in a donation is Sept. 8. Plans and ideas for next year's Phest are already being discussed, possibly obtaining big acts such as comedian Patton Oswalt, a Phi Kappa Tau alumnus, and the 741 band. Phi Tau will also possibly be having other events later in the year, such as a tee shirt auction, proceeds also going toward the Hole in the Wall Camps. The Phi Tau brothers hope to see students and staff at upcoming philanthropy events as well.

Book review

How to Make People Like You in 90 Seconds or Less

By Danielle McCullough
A&E writer

Over the summer I thought about what I could read that may help first year students. Reviewing my first few days on campus, I thought about what it was like. The biggest thing I remember is meeting so many people. The ones I remember the most are the ones with unusual names, from odd places or the ones who frolicked into my dorm room as my roommate and I were laughing.

Not many people I know frolic, so instead for you first years I read the book *How to Make People Like You in 90 Seconds or Less* by Nicholas Boothman. Boothman brings up points of how people seem when they first meet.

He mentions such things as body language, attitude and tone of voice. Boothman also describes how these ingredients mixed together can make a wonderful first impression.

Putting those three things together correctly builds rapport with another person. During fresh start my group was convinced that another girl and I previously knew each other. She is from Harrisburg, and I'm from Colorado Springs, but we were instantly drawn together. This is instant rapport, that is when you immediately like someone but you do not know why.

With reference to body language, Boothman states that one should expose their hearts.

"Your body doesn't know how to lie. Unconsciously, with no directions from you, it transmits your thoughts and feelings in a language of its own."

When you are talking to your best friend about a good day you had, you do not stand with your arms tightly crossed around your body and your fists clenched as tightly as possible. It would also be hard to do this towards someone you just met.

Body language is "the way we act, dress or gesture." Look around you and see how people react when someone gives them good news, sees a friend they have not seen all summer or the way people dress on a continual basis (such as they are always wearing sweats!).

Body language says something that words cannot, and visually you take it in and understand a part of that person without even exchanging a single word.

Attitude is a big one. With the correct attitude you can achieve things you did not even imagine.

This past summer I was supposed to fly from Pittsburgh to Minneapolis. It was a 6:15 a.m. flight; my brother and I were late getting to the airport, and it took forever getting our tickets to our already overbooked flight. Needless to say, we did not get to fly on that plane, but instead had to go to Memphis then to Minneapolis.

Unlike most of the other people yelling at the man behind the desk, we calmly talked to him about how to get to Minneapolis around the same time. Because of our attitude, we sat in first class, and each got $300-ticket vouchers.

Cusack learns *1408*'s haunting past

Max Muska
A&E writer

If you do not believe in ghosts, you will not see them, or so Mike Enslin, a researcher of "haunted" hotels, claims in the film *1408*.

Enslin, played by John Cusack, travels the country visiting hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns that claim to be haunted. Being that he has never had a paranormal experience, Enslin debunks the myths of each place he visits, believing that ghost sightings are all in peoples' heads and that these establishments create elaborate ghost stories to draw in customers during the off season.

Then Mike learns of the Dolphin Hotel and its so-called haunted room 1408. He begins research and discovers that dozens of people have died in this room. Due to this fact, the hotel manager, played by Samuel L. Jackson, has not allowed anyone to stay in 1408 for many years. Over the years, many strange occurrences make the manager believe the room is evil.

Of course, this does not stop Enslin from wanting to stay in the room. He assumes, as logically he should, that the Dolphin has exaggerated the history of 1408 in order to boost profits, but the manager assures him that the hotel runs at capacity almost year-round. Enslin demands, despite many warnings for his safety, to spend the night in 1408.

Photo from amazon.com

His night begins as many others before it. Mike sits on the bed and examines the room, narrating what he sees into a tape recorder. He notices nothing unusual about the room, until he turns his attention to the view outside. As if to get his mind back on track, the alarm clock's radio suddenly plays the Carpenters' song "We've Only Just Begun," which becomes a repeating occurrence. This startles him. He turns around and finds chocolates on his pillow that were not there before. He concludes that someone is in the room attempting to scare him away.

After a thorough search yields no results, and a few more strange inconsistencies, such as the toilet paper being refolded in the bathroom, Enslin begins to believe that there may be something to the myths about the room. But he still is not convinced that it is paranormal activity, even when the alarm clock begins counting down an hour's time (the manager had told Mike that no one had ever lasted more than an hour in the room).

Enslin then starts seeing visions of the past patrons of 1408 during their dying moments, including a woman jumping out the window who almost causes him to fall to the city street below. Things continue to get stranger, and Enslin believes that the room is haunted by whatever evil presence resides there. He then learns that he cannot leave the room. The doorknob breaks when he tries to open it, and an attempt to escape by climbing on the outside of the building proves wickedly unsuccessful.

What follows is a twisted living nightmare and a descent into madness. Enslin surely will never again question the existence of the paranormal. Room 1408 has claimed many victims, but Mike is determined that he will not be the next.

This film is one of the best I have seen this year. John Cusack displayed the extreme character changes that Enslin underwent in a very powerful and believable manner. The cinematography was also spectacular, making me feel like I was trapped in the room with him. Of course the writing was great as well, as this film was based on a Stephen King story.

My favorite aspect of the film was the fact that Enslin was the only character present through most of the film, sort of like a horror version of Castaway. While this movie did not necessarily scare me, it did show how much terror such isolation would bring. The film also leaves the audience to decide how much of what occurred was paranormal or just inside Enslin's mind.

If you did not see this film due to the hype of some bigger films this summer, it is definitely worth renting when it is released on DVD. I would recommend this film to any fan of Stephen King or anyone who has ever felt uncomfortable staying in a hotel room.

Wait to *Live Free or Die Hard*

Erik Chesney
A&E writer

This summer had its fair share of potential blockbusters, and for John McLane fans, *Live Free or Die Hard* was certainly one of those movies. For the fourth film in the popular *Die Hard* series, Director Len Wiseman (*Underworld*) had quite a reputation to live up to. Despite a controversial PG-13 rating (all the other movies were rated R), Wiseman managed to get in all the action, violence, and wit that Bruce Willis has to offer as John McLane.

Bad guy Thomas Gabriel, played by Timothy Olyphant, creates a computer program which allows him to control most of the nation's infrastructure and he starts a "fire sale" by shutting down the stock market, and the traffic light system in Washington D.C. McClane stumbles across the plot when he is called to arrest computer programmer Matthew Farrel, played by Justin Long. Then they both begin to chase down Gabriel when the government proves too inept to react.

Live Free or Die Hard definitely made par in comparison to its predecessors, although it is not the best. It definitely has all the action and comedy, but some scenes were just plain unbelievable. Wait to rent it or see it when it comes to Mueller Theater.

Campus entertained and inspired by comedian Love

By Laura Henry
Campus writer

Filling Berlin Lounge with nonstop laughter, comedian Loni Love was a huge hit.

On Saturday, September 1, with a late start of 8:10 pm, students literally fell to the ground with amusement from Love's comical talents. From the second she took the stage, the crowd was rolling. She disguised life lessons with a comical twist, sending an important and inspiring message to her listeners.

Love stated that there are four things that a person needs in order to be successful in life: something or somebody to love, something to do, something to believe in, and something to hope for.

Love not only made her audience laugh but she also moved them, sending a "self love" message. Through her performance she stated that no matter what color, shape, size, gender, nationality, or religion a person is the most important thing in life is "to love yourself."

"My favorite part of my job is visiting college campuses," Love said. "I've been to college, so I know what students go through. I love being able to send them a message and give them hope."

Love is able to share her wisdom of life's many hardships due to her own experiences. Love grew up in a poor family, resident to the Detroit projects. Her mother, a single parent, did her best to support Love and her older brother, but life was hard.

Love said that when someone is in a poor situation, laughter is the best medicine. During her show, , she proved that statement to be true.

Even though her family did not have a lot of money her desire to attend college left her inspired and determined. In a situation where she could have let her circumstances stand in the way of her dreams, she let nothing slow her down.

During college, Love saw a female comedian's Los Angeles act. Deciding that the comedy world needed more females, she gave them a voice. While attending college, Love started performing comedy. Later, working as an engineer, her talents were discovered.

One of her co-workers convinced her to audition for CBS's new "Star Search.". From there, she established her first agent, and then her first manager. Finally, comedy became her full time occupation.

Love has starred on several television shows. She plays Vi on NBC's *Thick and Thin* as a member of Mary and Jen's weight-loss group. Love's other credits include *The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn*, Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* and *The Best Damn Sports Show Period*, and VH-1's hit shows *I Love the 70's*, *80's*, and *90's*.

Love has also guest starred on UPN's *Girlfriends and Cuts*, and on *CSI*. Love stars as "Lunch Lady Rose" on the Nickelodeon show

Loni Love

Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide.

Along with her television debuts, Love frequently performs at Improv and the Ice House comedy clubs, Comedy Store and other clubs around the country. Love is living the dream and along the way she is sharing those dreams.

During Love's performance several students had the pleasure of accompanying her on stage. One such lucky student, junior Darnelle Clark, took on a role in Love's version of *The Dating Game*.

"I loved the show," Clark said. "It was so funny. I'd see her again in a heart beat."

Sophomore Marshall Cupelli was also a member of Love's dating game, as he tried to win over the heart of freshman Margaret Westcott.

"I love stand up comedy and I've watched her on Comedy Central before," Cupelli said. "It was all really funny; I loved it."

Calendar

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Beyond the Wall Poster Sale – One Day Only (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Matthew Sivils, "Saving Alexander Posey's Indian Territory Poems" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

2:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Pitt-Bradford

4:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Pitt-Bradford

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Kick-off Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:30 PM Inquiry Class Viewing of Paperclips (Hoyt 150)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, September 6, 2007

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Frostburg State

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VISA (Volunteers in Service and Action)Fair (MCC Second Floor Lobby)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

Friday, September 7, 2007

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Thomas More*

5:30 PM Volleyball @ Muskingum (at Wooster)

7:30 PM Volleyball @ Wooster

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Knocked Up (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Shrek the Third (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 8, 2007

TBA Men's Cross Country @ California (Pa.) Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ California (Pa.) Invitational

10:00 AM Volleyball @ Carnegie Mellon (at Wooster)

1:00 PM Volleyball @ Mount Union (at Wooster)

1:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. La Roche

1:30 PM Football @ Saint Vincent

7:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Carnegie Mellon

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Shrek the Third (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Knocked Up (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 9, 2007

All Day Events

* GRANDPARENTS DAY

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Shrek the Third (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Knocked Up (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, September 10, 2007

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM SGA Election for First-Year Senators (The TUB)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM SGA Election for First-Year Senators (The TUB)

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Paperclips Documentary Presentation by Linda Hooper, Middle School Principal from Tennessee (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

All Day Events

* Last Day to Drop (all returning and transfer students) – $15 Fee

* Last Day to Request an Audit of S/U Grade

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM SGA Election for First-Year Senators (The TUB)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM SGA Election for First-Year Senators (The TUB)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:15 PM PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Chatham*

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

10:00 AM

Ring Days (Displays and Order Information)

(The TUB)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum – Peter Smith, "Seeing the Light: Designing Intensely Phosphorescent Molecules" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

3:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Lake Erie

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Grove City*

5:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Lake Erie

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

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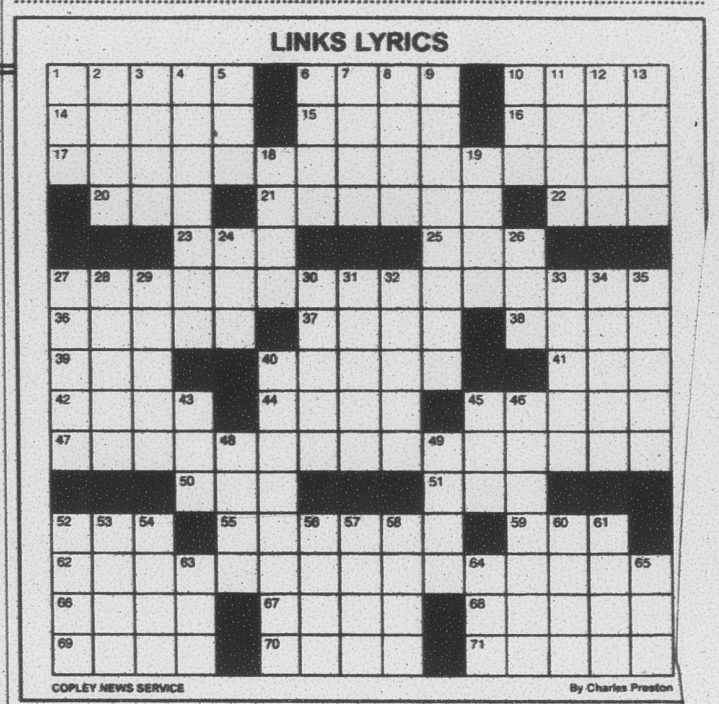

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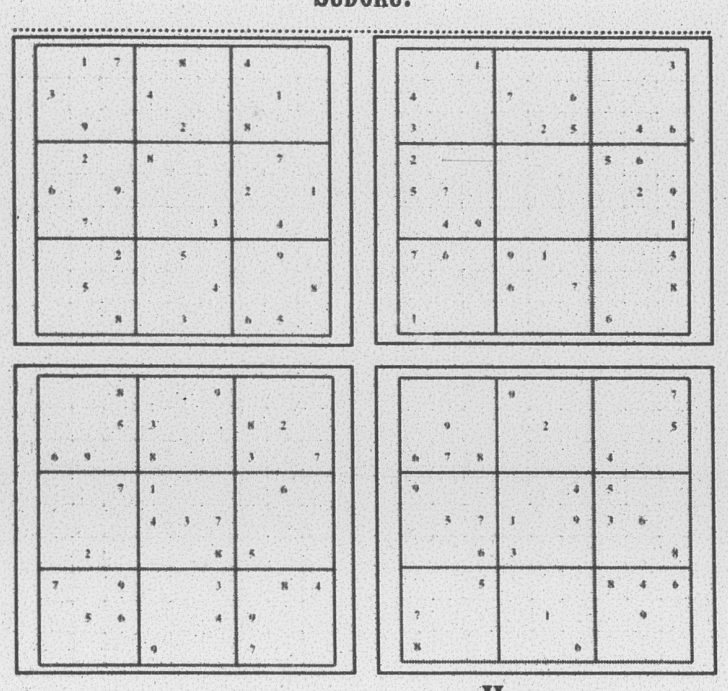

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
Avoid getting involved in intense negotiations, negative thinking or pessimistic moods. See beyond petty problems and stay focused on the solution level.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
You have very important lessons on tap this week. Throw yourself wholeheartedly into a social situation and learn from just being present and active.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
There could be positive or negative results from a confrontation with family members. Be prepared to connect with them on a deep and profound emotional level.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Your thoughts and ideas are powerful and extremely insightful. Stay alert and develop the perfect plan for initiating mass movements or social change.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
Keep a close watch on spending this week. Money that lands in your possession has a tendency to deplete, retreat or quickly disappear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
The best opportunities will come to you through contacts with friends or interactions with associates. Put your best foot forward and welcome their input.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Enjoy a very reflective and retiring mood. Take time to stop, ponder and think about how you can learn or benefit from prior mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
Group interactions are charged with energy and a high degree of excitement. Support a project that is designed to improve the quality of life on the planet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Gear up to jump over the roadblocks or hurdles that are likely to slow or impede your professional progress. Back up and get a running start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Foreign interests, people or cultures will command your attention this week. Keep an open mind and learn as much as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Your finances may not be as stable as you would like. Make an honest effort to pay your bills on time, even if it requires sacrifice and waiting.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Impress your partner by being prepared for almost anything. Direct your activities to allow you to go with the flow or to follow the way the wind blows.

If your birthday is this week:
there is a high amount of tension in your life during the coming year. Be prepared to use your knowledge and strength to overcome adversity and land on top.

Your thoughts are deep and intense, and will force you to reach new levels of understanding and perception. Refuse to accept surface explanations or meanings without first asking why.

Also born this week:
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Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Movies provided by Club Room
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Features

The times, they are a-changin'

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

I had a very naïve thought; I thought after I made it through my freshman year here, I would be good. I had everything figured out, and there was nothing I could not handle.

It is true freshman year was a huge change. I did my own laundry for the first time. I still remember that frantic phone call home to my mother where I tried to discover what was not okay to dry and when I should put in the fabric softener. I also had to live with a perfect stranger who was an only child. This thought initially terrified me; I was one of six kids. How was that going to work?

My roommate, Katie, turned out to be a wonderful part of my life here, and she is my roommate again this year. Additionally, I had to wake myself up in the morning. Prior to my college life, my mom woke me up for school every day. Laugh at me if you want, but my thought was if someone was going to wake me up, why should I put out the effort?

Although these chores soon became courses of habit, it did not mean I had made an ideal adjustment here. I started to forge some friendships with people I barely knew and found these relationships developing a whole lot faster than I ever thought they could. How was this possible? I was not ready to let go of my friendships and life back at home. People at home knew me and people here just did not.

After thinking about this for awhile I developed one simple solution, I had to be willing to put myself out there in order to make this place my home. Therefore, I joined some clubs. Well, more than some to be completely honest. A quick poll of my friends, family and boyfriend would tell you that I joined too many. At last count, I joined well above ten. In fact, last weekend I received an advisory order from a friend.

"Lu, by this time next time next month I want you to have quit three of the clubs you joined last year," sophomore Steve Sankey said. "I want you to find what is important to you and figure it out."

I realize now that this is good advice. It is not that I want to quit any of my clubs or activities. However, my life is changing again, just like it did freshman year.

The groups I joined my first year here certainly helped me meet new people and settle in a place I could call my own, but I am not living the same life as I did then. Different things and people are important to me, and the line that I have chosen to draw falls in a new place.

Bob Dylan sang in his 1964 hit, "The Times They Are A-Changin":

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you
Is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'.

We are always outgrowing our past experiences. We have to; we are just living the same life and the future disappears into the past. Everyone wants to have a future. However, to truly accomplish one you must accept that things are changing and adapt to meet them.

Freshmen, go out and meet people and join some clubs. Do not be afraid to recognize that you are moving on to your future. It is all right to change as long as you are in control of that change.

Upperclassmen, know it is okay to alter decisions you have made in the past. This is the time to figure out who you are and where you want to be. You may not get it the first time, and you may end up somewhere different than where you thought. Every day is a new day so you could not possibly stay the same. Times are changing, and that is fine as long as you are willing to change too.

Expressing diversity in the land of the free

By Barry Unis
SGA Diversity Chair

First-years, welcome to Westminster College and The Holcad, and welcome back to everyone else. I'm Barry Unis, and this is my brand-new column. I greatly encourage feedback, because I don't want to be ranting about the color of my shoes if nobody gives a crap. With that said, let's begin.

I'm the current Diversity Chair for the Student Government Association. The previous SGA slate in power, Slate Kerns, instituted the Diversity Chair and swore in Joselyn Parker as the first Chair on Thursday, October 26th, 2006. If I remember correctly, there was some debate surrounding the creation of such a chair, and with five senators opposed to the formation of the chair when it was introduced, I think my statement has some merit.

Initially, I was opposed to such an addition to the slate as well. Perhaps it was ignorance. Perhaps it was a stubborn opposition to change. Either way, I felt that the addition of a Diversity Chair almost drew lines in the dirt as opposed to bringing people together.

I hadn't heard of Joselyn before then, but suddenly, she seemed to become a dedicated, driven, inspirational powerhouse. I began to notice her Holcad articles, which forced people out of their comfort zones. My hope is to produce a similar result without being too preachy or militant.

When Slate Nesbitt approached me to be their Diversity Chair, I was honored, excited, and a little uneasy. Anyone who has met Joselyn can see the she is an African-American. Not only did women have to fight for their rights, but also did people of African descent. She has me beat in the minority department.

When I represent the Slate and SGA, my paranoia kicks in. People must be thinking, "Why is a white boy the Diversity Chair?" I thought about it, and I don't think that a person should have to be a minority to represent a minority. That doesn't exactly apply to me, however. While I may not look different than an average white American male, I am not of the norm.

I am bisexual. I am sexually attracted to both men and women. Love it or hate it. Take it or leave it. That is what I am. Although I could "choose" to follow a solely gay or straight lifestyle, I will always like both genders.

While I don't try to hide this tidbit about myself, I don't believe I try to flaunt it either. If you look at my Facebook profile, it says I am interested in men and women. Interestingly, I'm the only male at Westminster with such a Facebook listing.

I say that's interesting because other Westminster males have told me that they are bi, but their profiles do not reflect that. Some profiles express an interest solely in females, and others exhibit no interest. Why? What about the few people that list themselves as gay but still "mess around" with women?

If America is called "the land of the free and the home of the brave," then why do some people have less freedoms than others, and why aren't some people brave enough to say and be what they truly are?

I think I want to find the other bisexuals because I feel alone. I sometimes feel that bisexuality is a minority of homosexuality, which is already a minority to heterosexuality. Conversely, what if everyone was a little more bisexual than they let on but feel that they have to keep up certain pretenses? What if bisexuality was an undercover mass majority?

Bisexuality's fit into the social stratosphere is fairly unique, at least in my experiences. I've come out to straight people, and their response was, "At least you're not gay," as if I took a step in the wrong direction, but I haven't lost my way just yet. On the other hand, I used to hang out with a gay man who abhorred bisexuals (he never actually asked me about my orientation, and I let him frolic in blissful ignorance). If straights and gays don't like bi's, then who does?

Well, probably the most fascinating thing about my sexuality is the relationships that I have with people. I tend to be able to relate to everybody, while heterosexual people tend to be able to relate to their own gender better than the other, and homosexual people tend to relate to the opposite gender better than their own.

My only hope is that this article won't tarnish my name to any of the friends that I have made here. I suppose that in the end it all comes down to labels, and more specifically, which label a person wants to be associated with. I'm liked for who I am, but not for what I am. Why be different when I can fit in?

Well, I don't want to call myself something that I'm not, so I'm bi-sexual.

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Students without borders

Lynn Elliott embarks on the experience of a lifetime

By Lynn Elliott
Features Writer

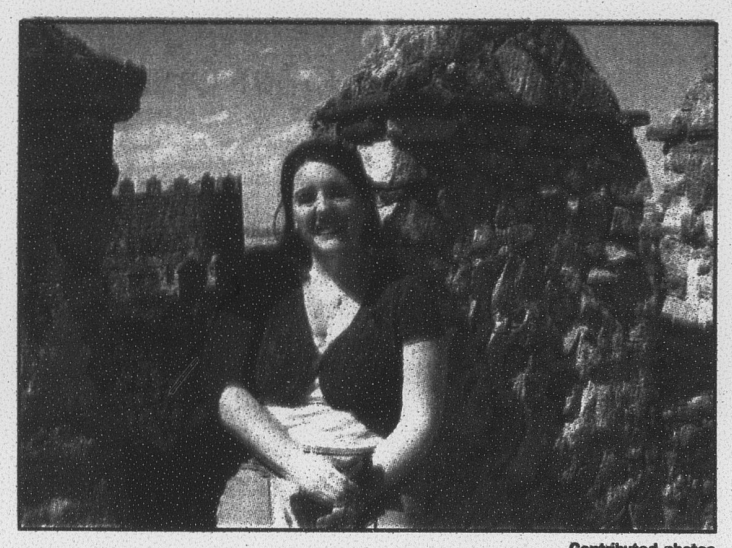
¡Hola desde España!

I'm taking classes in the Universidad de Salamanca for the next five months through International Studies Abroad (ISA). I started my semester in July with a month of classes with other international students. In this summer program, I had classes with students from Spain, Italy, France, Germany, England, Brazil, Hong Kong, Japan, Romania, China, Taiwan, Scotland, Belgium, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Kenya, India, Thailand and the Glorioso Islands, which I've learned are located off the coast of Madagascar. When the fall semester starts, I'll have classes with only native Spanish students. Before coming to Spain, I thought that geographic diversity meant having class with anyone who lives farther west than Ohio.

Salamanca is a small city famous for its Plaza Mayor as well as the university, which was founded in 1218. It's also known for being a favorite city of Miguel de Unamuno, a prominent modernist author. In case you don't know me, I'm a nerd, so these kinds of details interest me. All nerdiness aside, however, it's a beautiful city with a population of 200,000, making it roughly 83 times the size of New Wilmington. It takes me thirty minutes to walk to class every day, depending on traffic. Maybe when I get back to Westminster, I'll take a brisk walk to Sheetz just for fun.

I live in an apartment, which is a new experience for me. My señora, Mari Paz, is a typical Spanish mother: she is constantly cleaning something and always makes more food than we can eat. On the positive side, I haven't had to do laundry in a month and she's a great cook. Obviously, there is no negative side.

The city, by the way, is great. Nearly everything is within walking distance and every building has a story. People ask me why I chose Salamanca, of all the cities in Spain. I don't have a good answer; I don't know why I decided to spend five months of my life in a city I had never heard of. Now that I'm here, though, I can't imagine being anywhere else. I know that when I return to the States, I'm going to miss the people and the streets of Salamanca.



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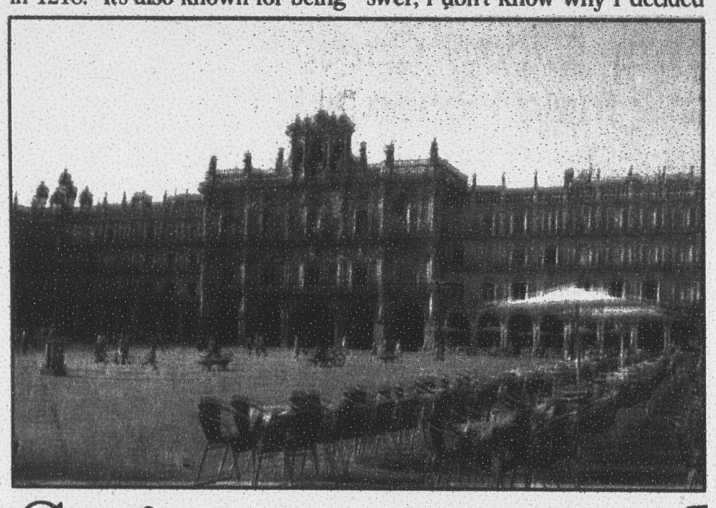
Lynn Elliott is studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain this semester. Below left: The Plaza Mayor is one of the many places she's visited.



Among the things I won't miss about Salamanca: Ham. Salmantinos (the inhabitants of Salamanca) love their pork. There are butcher shops everywhere, with rows of hams hanging from the ceiling and whole pigs in refrigerator cases. I think I've tried about six different types of sausage in the last two weeks.

Also, just about everything is more expensive in Europe and it doesn't help that Salamanca is a tourist attraction. Clothing is extremely expensive and eating out is out of the question. Water, for example, costs about $4.50 a liter. On the other hand, there's a supermarket nearby that sells 12-ounce cans of beer for $ .36. I guess it's a cultural thing.

Without a doubt, I recommend studying abroad, and not because beer is $ .36 a can. Studying abroad is a constant learning experience, a very small part of which takes place in a classroom. It's not just living somewhere different in order to take classes, although classes are important. It's about learning to live no matter where you are.

I love Salamanca and I'm excited to be here for five months. At the same time, crazy as it may sound, I can't wait for the spring semester at Westminster. I guess I've sort of gotten attached to the place.

Spice up your life with an easy-as-pie recipe

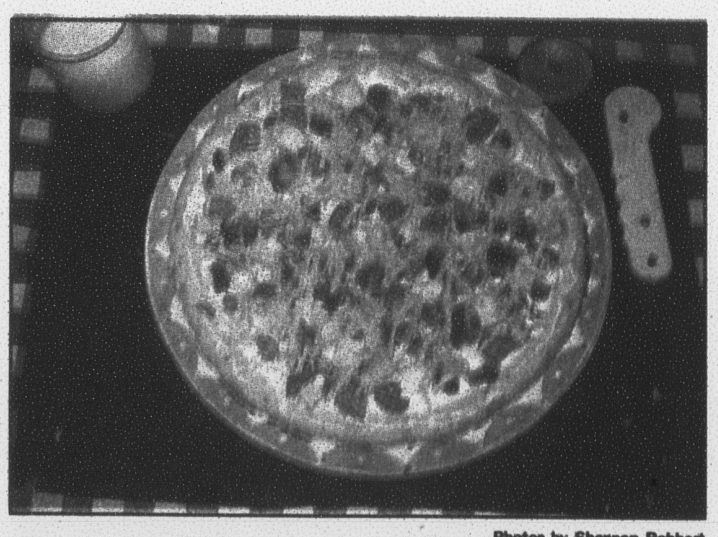
By Shannon Bobbert
Features writer

Run to your dorm, arm yourself with a wooden spoon, and get ready. No, your roommate's friends are not coming to raid your refrigerator (though by the time you realize your dorm's cooking potential, they may be more inclined to). It's that time of the semester to start College Cooking 101.

Unless you had the foresight to beg a truckload of condensed soup off of Mom and Dad before leaving home, it's unlikely that you will be thinking of cooking much inside the dorm room. I mean, what else can you cook with only a microwave?

When you don't have the cash to dine fancy outside the campus and you forgot your stash of packaged snack cakes at home, you may find yourself cooking Ramen Noodles in a neighbor's coffee pot and licking chocolate syrup out of the bottom of an empty bowl. But don't despair! There are delectable alternatives to such a fate.

If you're tired of cafeteria food, or merely can't access it during the period of "midnight munchies," you will need a few easy recipes to keep your brain functioning and your taste buds celebrating.



Photos by Shannon Bobbert

This week's delicious recipe: a no-bake, Chicken Veggie Pizza.

I'm Shannon Bobbert, and I'll be your informant on all the secrets to easy in-dorm cooking. Every college student who owns a microwave and a mini fridge can cook themselves quick, painless meals, snacks that satisfy, and even brain food essential around exam time (I am speaking, of course, of chocolate desserts).

Everything included in the recipes will be easy to find at a nearby grocery store, and all ingredients will be easy to store in a dorm. Items will generally be within a college student's budget, so don't think that you need to resort to scraping road kill off of Rt. 208 to save money.

Keep cool this week with a no-bake, Chicken Veggie Pizza. It's like a vegetable tray, without the hassle of dipping each individual bunch of broccoli. This pizza is perfect for an "I haven't seen you guys all summer!" get together, a get-to-know-your-fellow-freshmen bash, or even a healthy snack for late night study buddies.

And you can eat it after midnight, as long as you aren't a Gremlin.

Chicken Veggie Pizza

Difficulty Level: Easy as Pizza Pie

You will need:

15 oz. spinach dip (can be replaced by ranch or whichever kind of vegetable dip you prefer)

2 Italian bread shells, fully-cooked

2 cups chopped broccoli

2/3 cup chopped green onions, peppers, or whichever vegetable seems to compliment broccoli and spinach dip

2 small tomatoes, sliced and seeded

2 cups cooked chicken cubes (can be replaced by pepperoni or other meat)

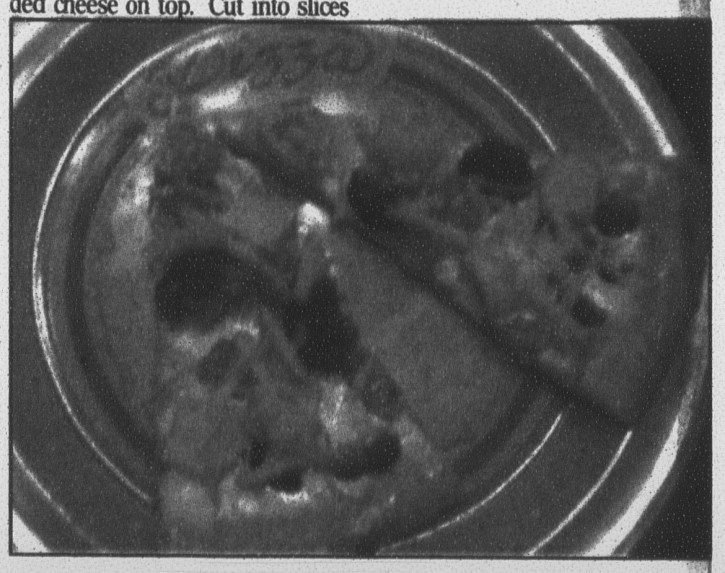
2 cups shredded cheese (mozzarella or provolone work best)

Directions: Split the ingredients in half–use one half for each pizza. Unwrap the bread shells and slap on the vegetable dip. This will be your sauce, so spread as thick or thin as you like. Drop on any vegetables, chicken, and tomatoes you want to add. Sprinkle the shredded cheese on top. Cut into slices and offer to drooling onlookers. If desired, microwave for a few seconds to melt cheese.

Makes two pizzas and feeds about eight study buddies.

Average cost: $12.00 (or about $6.00 per pizza)

Helpful Tip: Remember never to nuke anything metal. The Fourth of July comes once a year, and it should never look as though it is being celebrated inside your microwave.



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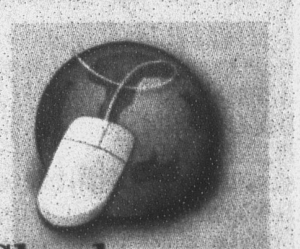

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Artificial field may raise real concerns

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

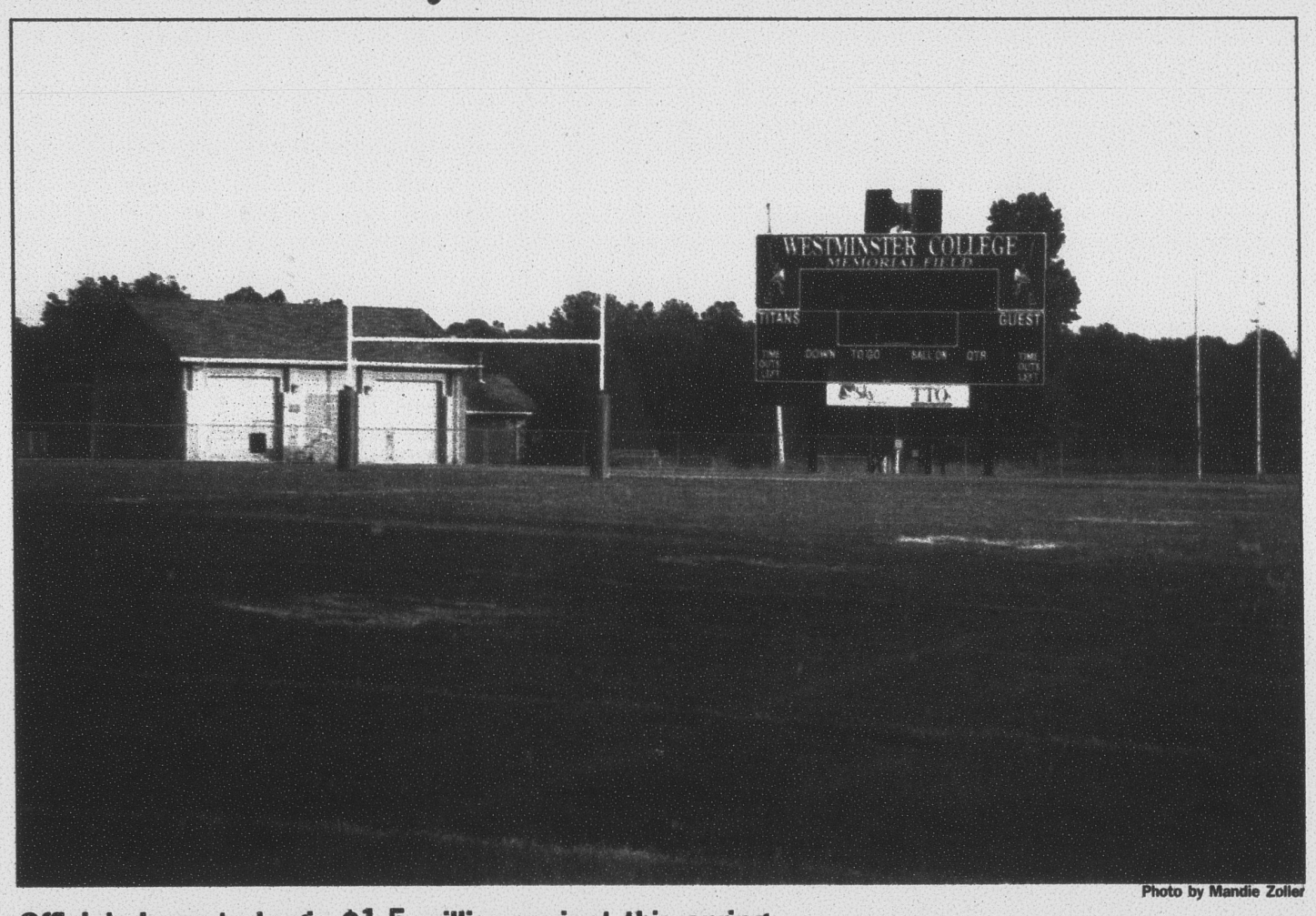


Photo by Mandie Zoller

Officials hope to begin $1.5 million project this spring

Football head coach Jeffrey Hand is excited about the idea for new turf, while others raise environmental concerns.

Westminster officials hope to break ground this spring with its new artificial turf football field, beginning a project that should take about three months and is slated to cost $1.5 million.

The new artificial turf field will cost the college $650,000 itself. The issue has been talked about for approximately five years, but it has been discussed seriously for about one year.

Jeffery Hand, football head coach, is extremely excited about the new turf, which will impact many different aspects of campus life. For example, the football team will be able to practice on a good quality surface everyday, and there will be more flexibility with practice times for those who share the field. The soccer teams will be able to play on the new field, as well as intramural sports. Coach Hand only sees one negative aspect from this.

"There is the potential problem of scheduling," Hand said, "but that's a good problem to have."

The athletic department hopes the new field will help with the recruitment of new players. Many high schools currently boast artificial turf fields, so potential new students would have a chance to play on a surface they are used to.

"I would estimate that about 75 percent of high schools above the AA level have artificial turf," Hand said.

According to Coach Hand, the artificial turf is better than natural grass for its functionality. This season, the football team had to deal with an extremely dry field, while last year they fought through a particularly wet one.

"No matter what the weather is, there will be a more consistent surface than a natural surface," Hand said.

The type of artificial turf the college will install has yet to be decided. There are many different types, and the athletic department, administration and physical plant have all been researching the different types so that an informed decision can be made.

According to Owen Wagner, physical plant director, the college is looking for a surface that will have a positive effect on athletic injuries.

The physical plant has also played a major part in the decision, as its workers will be among those who take care of the new field. Many think that an artificial turf requires much less maintenance than a natural grass field.

"I don't agree with that," Wagner said.

There will still be much maintenance for the new field. While there will no longer be any mowing or watering of the field, it is definitely not maintenance free, and all the work involved will depend on the type of surface purchased.

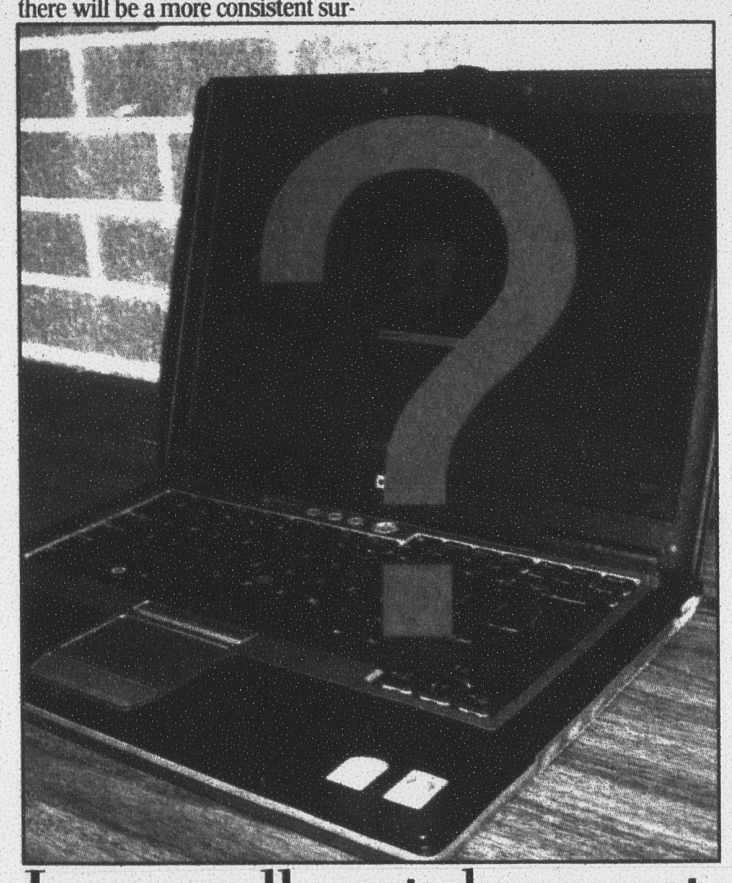
Many around campus are concerned with the effects an artificial turf will have on the environment.

Clarence Harms, director of the field station, does not think the change is necessary, citing that a natural grass field is much better for the environment.

"My bag is, simply, I like living green," Harms said.

According to Harms, a football field is about one acre in area. That one acre of natural grass has a positive environmental effect and will produce oxygen, which will detoxify the air. Turf does not. Harms does hope the dirt removed will be put to good use; all of it can be used for trails around the campus.

It is still unclear as to whether or not this controversy will spread across the campus community, as the announcement has still not reached many of the students' ears.



Class of 2011 still without laptops

Parts for computers discontinued, causing back order

By Staci McGill
Staff Writer

Every year the college selects a laptop for the incoming freshmen to purchase, but the laptops purchased through Dell for the Class of 2011 were nonexistent.

When the Class of 2011 ordered their laptops, they expected them to arrive in time for classes to begin. However, several freshmen just received their laptops last week, and many more students are still without a computer.

"When we finally got through to Dell mid-August, they told us that my computer would not be in for another couple of weeks, because of a backorder," freshman Cory Emanuel said. "I just received my computer last Tuesday."

According to another freshman, she ordered her recommended laptop in July. Dell told her that the expected delivery date would be no later than August 1. The initial delivery date passed but her laptop still had not arrived. After that, she called Dell every other week until she finally received her laptop on the first day of classes. Dell always told her the same story, "We have parts on backorder, because of so many Westminster students."

So, who is to blame, Westminster or Dell? Some freshmen are blaming the college, while a number are finding fault with Dell. The reasoning behind the mystery of the missing computers is that Dell discontinued some of the parts that go into the production of the student computers.

"I've bought Dell products before, and I've never had an experience like this," freshman Amber Biseck said. "I really don't think that my parents will ever let me buy a product through Dell again. They were extremely disappointed with the outcome of the situation, but they don't blame Westminster and neither do I."

This leads to Dell blaming Westminster for the number of students buying computers from their company, causing the backordering on these laptops. Nevertheless, the real question in this situation is why Dell discontinued parts to a computer that they already sold. Is Dell really dealing with a bigger issue than Westminster?

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Low enrollment closes part of Galbreath

Displaced students relocated to other halls on campus

By Carrie Hill
Campus Writer

Despite the rumors, the reason for the south wing of Galbreath's third floor being closed for this year is not because it was condemned.

Gina Vance, director of residence life and assistant dean of student affairs, cited two reasons that the hall is closed. The first and most important reason is the declining enrollment at the college, especially of women. Vance estimated that there are about 100 vacancies in women's dorms, and Galbreath was home to many of these vacancies. Closing the wing allowed for the residents to be in closer proximity to each other, creating a better environment for the building of community, something that is a major focus of the Residence Life programs on campus.

"When students are spread out on many floors or halls, it is harder to create a community among the residents," Vance said.

After the room drawings in the spring, the third south wing of Galbreath was only to have seven residents. Because of this small number of residents, Residence Life had no problem moving them to other buildings on campus. In most cases, according to Vance, the women intending to live on the floor were able to be placed in other rooms in Galbreath while the remaining women were placed in other buildings on campus, often to the benefit of the students.

Juniors Amber Huyett and Melissa Huyett are two of the students who were reassigned rooms. When they were informed of the closing of the hall in mid-June, they were given other living options on campus. One option included a quadruple room assignment on the second floor of Hillside Hall, where they are now living.

"When we asked about living in Hillside, they said that the only rooms left were quads, but since they closed our hall, we could live here for the same price," Amber said.

The Residence Hall Improvement Project, which slowly has been taking affect over the last year, is the another reason for the closure of this particular hall in Galbreath.

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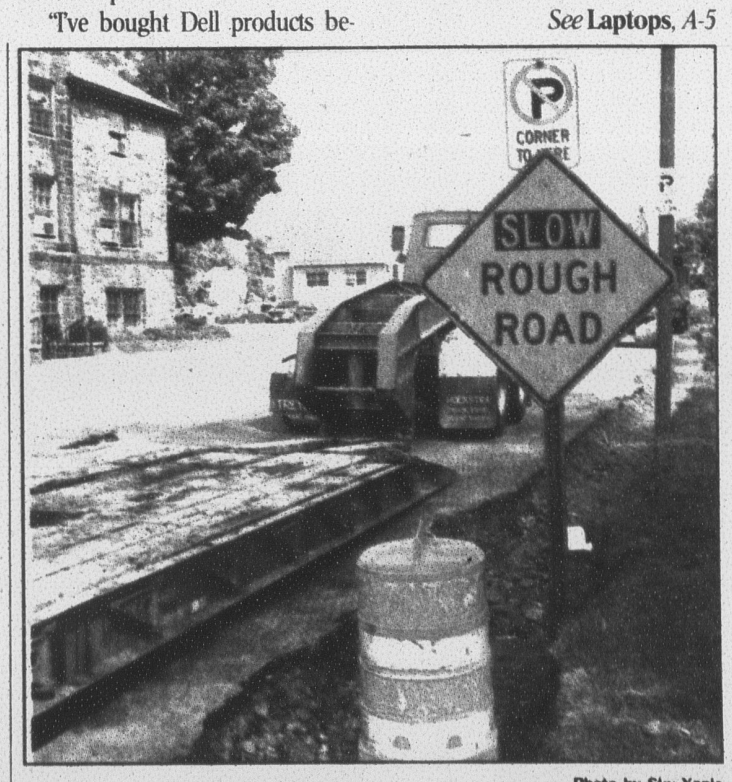

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Construction equipment and orange barrels line Maple St. as the repaving effort continues.

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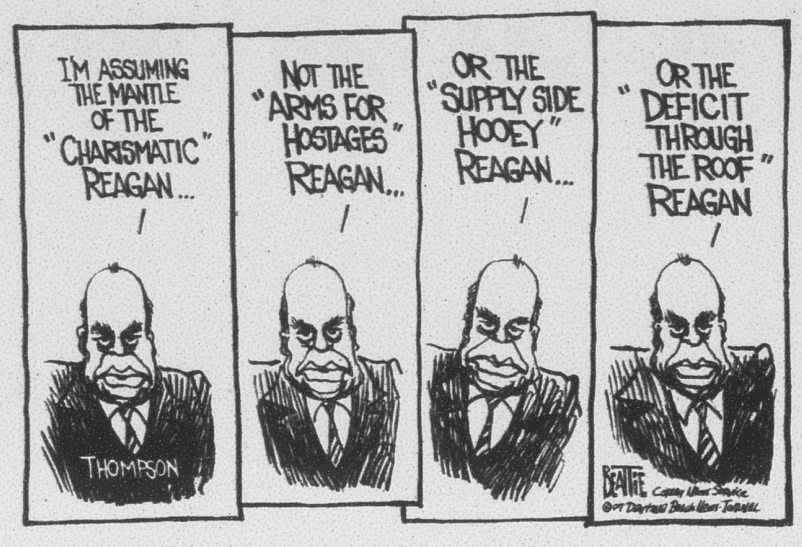

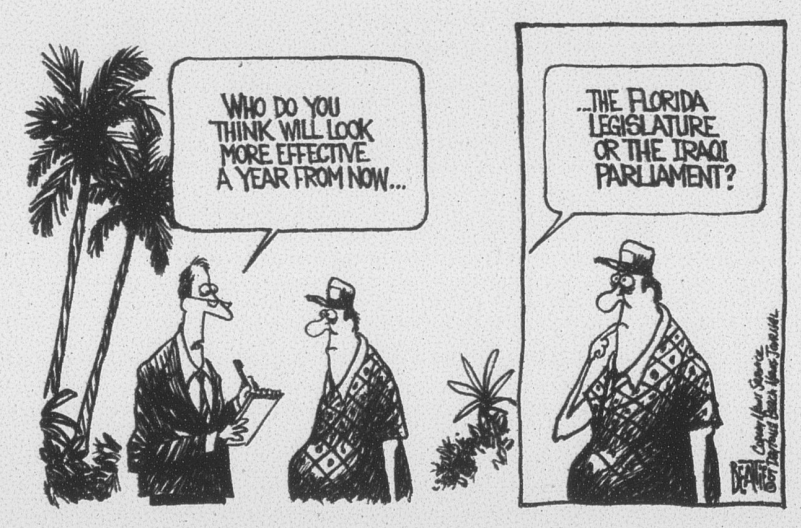

How I know I'm too old for MTV

Jenn Corkadel
Editor-in-chief

Who knew who Sarah Silverman was before Sunday evening? Show of hands?

Not enough people.

I don't watch much TV, because I like to sleep, but I allowed myself 15 minutes to see what that Britney Spears trainwreck was looking like these days.

She looked like a trainwreck.

Relatively speaking, of course. I mean, she didn't even succeed at shaving her head to free herself from the burdens of extension maintenance.

Oh, wait. She changed her mind after that foolishness. Too bad she let that one slip and become public knowledge.

Everyone might be talking about poor Britney and her apparent turn for the worse since her first appearances at the ripe old age of 17, but it happens. People have kids. I used to run.

I wouldn't like to be in her sequined underclothes right now. They'd be uncomfortable, plus everyone would see that I'm not in the same shape I used to be.

Which is where I draw the line for old Brit.

Why do this? Why publicly humiliate yourself, trying to bring back the same level of superstardom you achieved as a teenager? Why open yourself up to acerbic, honest young women such as Sarah Silverman who will call you on the things you're doing?

The mind reels.

For the love of Pete, Britney and anyone else who's reading this - put it away. Keep it there for a rainy day.

Nobody listens to me and everyone complains later. Story of my life.

Jenn is a senior English major and writing minor who sleeps too little and cleans too much, yet she can't seem to find her desk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wet/dry results disappointing

I'd like to make clear some items regarding Kathryn Zetzer's article about last May's referendum (front page Sept. 5th) and the attempt to make New Wilmington wet.

First, the students did not put this on the ballot as Kathryn reported. Citizens of New Wilmington did it through a petition with over 130 signatures.

Second, all 2,400 residents of New Wilmington are not able to vote (anyone who's registered and 18 and above can, children cannot).

Third, although it was defeated, if all the students that registered to vote had voted (out of 140 newly registered students, only approx. 12 voted) it would have succeeded or would have been very close (the count was 120 short of a "wet" vote, which was twice the yes vote in 2004). The fact that students left campus just days prior to the May 15th vote helped contribute to it's defeat (although they were allowed to vote "in absentia" they did not)

Fourth, this is a very serious issue within the commercial district of New Wilmington. The closed storefronts and stale real estate market attests to a downturn. So to say that "it doesn't seem to change the economics of this little quaint 'Stars Hollow' hometown" doesn't seriously address the situation (after reading last weeks letter from the USG diversity chair, I don't think you're exactly in Kansas anymore).

I (along with other business people in town) have met with two different people within Gov. Rendell's administration who have independently given their assessment of our downtown. They have both given their opinion that a fine dining restaurant w/ a liquor license is essential to downtown economic stability.

Which brings up number five, the town would have been given one license, so rest assured, Main street would not be full of bars. As a matter of fact, bars would not have been allowed. So, knock knock, I'll wager that 90% or more of the hometowns students come from have at least one restaurant that serves alcohol. This wasn't about bars or getting drunk or serving underage students, this was about serving the full needs of an over 21 market in a restaurant environment.

It would have been nice for you as students to have brought your parents or for you as future alum to have come up town after a football game or on parents weekend to a great place right up town. Until then, we'll see you spending your discretionary income out of town.

Jay Behm
Borough Resident

The weekly glop - Foresight

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

Most projects, in order to be accomplished correctly, require a great deal of planning. If the proper planning is not done before a project of any kind there is little chance for the task to be completed successfully.

From teaching a class on planning back in my camp staff days I can tell you that there are concrete steps that can be followed in order for a plan to be carried out completely and effectively. There is one idea however that the lesson on planning never really went into that I believe is a crucial part of a complete and successful project. This is the idea of proper foresight.

When most people plan, they neglect to use their foresight in a few key ways. Perhaps they believe the job will be easier, so they do not hire enough workers to accomplish the job. At other times, project planners will neglect the proper foresight when getting tools or even providing back-ups for materials in case something breaks.

These two mistakes in judgment are very common, but I believe the most important planning tool using proper foresight is the amount of time involved in the project; not just the time it will take to finish, but also the right time to begin a project.

There are two projects currently before us that seem to have been poorly planned, without the use of proper foresight where time is concerned. These two projects are the road construction outside the college and the library construction.

For the first of these, the road construction, it would make the most sense to me to have started work at the beginning of the summer. The area is least populated during this time.

I realize the town may have only recently decided to perform this construction on the road, but would it not have made more sense to leave the construction until the coming summer?

The road was in disrepair, but it was nothing that was so pressing that it needed to be accomplished as soon as possible. Since work has already begun, students are forced to dodge manhole covers and park in the overflowing overflow lot due to the lack of road-side.

All of this could have been avoided had a better time been chosen; plus, I am sure all of the commuter students are getting tired driving through the construction everyday to get to their only designated lot.

The library construction is a different issue entirely. I realize that the construction on the library was started near the end of last year and that they have been working on it all summer. There really is no way that they could have avoided having to continue work during the school year while students were trying to use the facilities in question. The problem is that the workers and staff of the library did not plan out the projects well enough in advance to know how long it would take certain portions of the library to get back up and running. As a result of this, there are boxes of books strewn about all over the hallways of the building. Some of these boxes may contain books that students will need for class. The boxes have been labeled with the books they are supposed to contain for students to access, but the books are overflowing and instead of an organized stack they are piled in a heap. This makes it very difficult for students to access the books that they need and seems a bit careless on the part of the library staff.

There is an easy solution to this problem, however. The student workers could easily sort through the books and make sure they are all in their proper boxes.

Most of the time there are two workers at the desk at a time, and one is more than enough to check out books. The problem could easily be fixed by applying my above advice; all it would take is a little time.

Anthony is a senior math and philosophy major. He enjoys marching with penguins and is an image caught in time.

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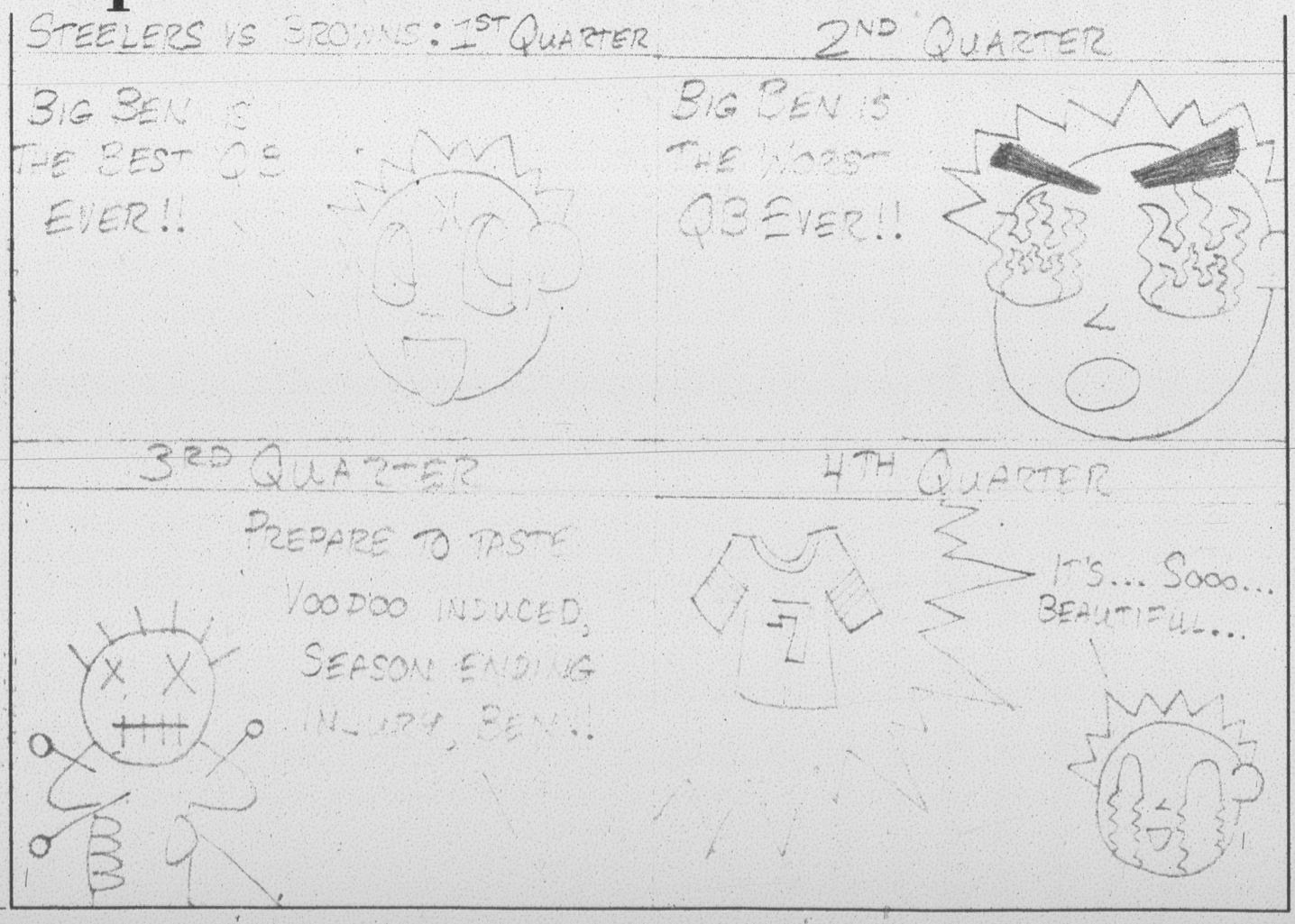

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Kutztown University student beaten to death

KUTZTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A Kutztown University student was beaten to death on a downtown sidewalk early Friday by three men who evidently chose their victim at random, police said.

The suspects, all from Allentown, were charged with assaulting Kyle Quinn, 19, who was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour after the attack. The district attorney said he anticipated filing homicide charges pending the results of an autopsy scheduled for Saturday.

Kutztown's president, F. Javier Cevallos, called the beating a "senseless isolated random act of violence" and urged students to be vigilant.

A police officer in the small college town happened upon the scene shortly before 2:30 a.m., saw Quinn on the ground and arrested the men, who are not students, Berks County District Attorney Mark Baldwin said.

"He had been beaten and was lying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk," Baldwin said.

The suspects were identified as Terry D. Kline Jr., who turned 22 on Thursday; his brother Kenneth R. Kline, 21; and Timothy R. Gearhart, 23.

The men did not respond to reporters' questions as they were led into court for their arraignments. All three told District Judge Wallace Scott they had prior arrests, and the judge set bail at $10 million each.

Quinn, a sophomore history major from Warminster, had transferred to Kutztown after taking classes at Penn State and a summer course at Bucks County Community College, according to the university. He had been on campus less than two weeks.

Quinn was attacked on Main Street, not far from shops, bars, restaurants and off-campus apartments in downtown Kutztown. The quaint town has about 5,000 residents and lies in a rural area between Reading and Allentown.

It was Kutztown's first homicide since 1982 and only the third since 1968, officials said.

Witnesses said they heard yelling and screaming and saw Quinn motionless on the sidewalk. Police tried to stanch Quinn's bleeding and took the three men into custody. Kenneth Kline, who has a mohawk haircut, kept saying "I'm sorry, I'm sorry" as he was being handcuffed, according to one witness.

Quinn lived on campus, but investigators "don't know where he would have been coming from or going to at the time," borough Police Chief Theodore Cole said.

Authorities were investigating what the motive might have been for the attack about a half-mile from campus.

According to a police affidavit, the three suspects were among a group of five men who had driven from Allentown to a Kutztown bar. One of the men, Derik Houser, told police that after leaving the bar, the Kline brothers and Gearhart "got out of the car and started causing a problem with a group of kids." Houser said he saw Terry Kline throw a punch at Quinn and yell expletives at him.

The suspects were charged with aggravated assault, simple assault and conspiracy.

At the arraignment, Terry Kline said he felt sick to his stomach and bent his head over a trash can. His brother rested his head on the defense table. Quinn's mother and father stared at the brothers and Gearhart.

Quinn is the son of Leo Quinn, the chairman of the Warminster Township supervisors. He worked at the township's Five Ponds Golf Course for parts of three summers.

His online profile reveals a fondness for 1960s counterculture. Quinn listed his favorite movie as "Easy Rider," one of his favorite books as "Dharma Bums" by Jack Kerouac and his favorite musician as Bob Dylan.

"I like a lot of other stuff but if WWIII started tomorrow I would only grab my Dylan albums," Quinn wrote on Facebook, the online social networking site.

Within hours of his death, friends began posting messages on Quinn's Facebook page.

"Don't be afraid of death, for it is only the beginning of the greatest adventure of all, The Unknown," wrote one.

"Life without you seems so empty. I know that you're smiling down on us right now with that great smile," wrote another.

Students and full-time residents say they have always felt safe in Kutztown.

"It's Amishville," said Marissa Petruzzi, 20, a junior from New Jersey, referring to Kutztown's location in Pennsylvania Dutch country. "This stuff doesn't happen here."

Erma Gajewski, who works at an antique store a few feet from where Quinn was beaten, said violent crime is practically unheard of here.

"I always felt safe in Kutztown. I still do, but this is scary," she said.

Teen sentenced to juvenile detention facility for shooting friend

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) - A teenager who shot and killed his friend during a drinking party last year was sentenced Friday to up to a year in a juvenile detention facility.

Sean Owen O'Neill Jr., 18, of Willistown, reached a deal with the prosecution and will serve nine to 12 months at the George Junior Republic facility in Grove City.

In a hearing before Common Pleas Court Judge Thomas Gavin on Friday, the teen was adjudicated delinquent on charges of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, illegal possession of a firearm and criminal mischief.

Seventeen-year-old Scott Sheridan was shot in the face and died at the scene early on Sept. 1, 2006.

O'Neill and Sheridan were about to start their senior year at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield. They were among several youths drinking at O'Neill's home while his parents were away, officials said.

At Friday's hearing, O'Neill apologized to the judge for his friend's death.

"I accept full responsibility for my actions and what they have caused," O'Neill said. "The hardest part of what happened is all the pain and suffering I caused."

NATIONAL

Two Texas police officers shot and killed after responding to domestic disturbance report

ODESSA, Texas (AP) - Two police officers responding to a domestic disturbance were killed and a third was critically wounded by a gunman who led Texas authorities on an hours-long standoff, authorities said.

The suspected gunman in the shooting Saturday night, 58-year-old Larry White, will likely face two counts of capital murder and attempted murder of an officer, said Tela Mange, a Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.

Mange said White was shot in the abdomen and was in stable condition at a hospital under police guard.

The wounded officer was transported to University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock, said Andrea Goodson, a city of Odessa spokeswoman.

Investigators said a woman called authorities around 6:15 p.m. Saturday. When officers responded, she left the home and said her husband had hit her, Mange said.

The officers were not able to enter the house through the front door. When they tried to go in the back door, a man began firing at them. He then came out of the home and continued shooting before going back into the house, Mange said.

The officers were able to call for backup before being shot, Goodson said. Authorities were able to speak with the suspected gunman and he surrendered to authorities after 10 p.m.

Texas Rangers were investigating.

Va. Tech could have saved lives by notifying students faster

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Virginia Tech's president, facing calls for his ouster, defended his university's response to the nation's deadliest school shooting, saying Thursday that officials couldn't have known the gunman would attack twice.

"Nobody can say for certain what would have happened if different decisions were made," President Charles Steger told a news conference.

"The crime was unprecedented in its cunning and murderous results," he said.

A governor-appointed panel that investigated the April 16 massacre at the Blacksburg campus released a report late Wednesday criticizing Virginia Tech officials, saying they could have saved lives if they had acted more quickly to warn students about the first shootings that morning at a dormitory and that a killer was on the loose.

Instead, it took administrators more than two hours to send students and staff an e-mail warning. The shooter had time to leave the dormitory, mail a videotaped confession and manifesto to NBC News, then return to campus and enter a classroom building, chain the doors shut and kill 31 more people, including himself.

"Warning the students, faculty and staff might have made a difference," the panel in its report. "The earlier and clearer the warning, the more chance an individual had of surviving."

Steger said the administration was responding during the hours that passed after the first two students were slain in the dormitory.

"The notion that there was a two-hour gap is a great misconception," Steger said. "There was continuous action and deliberations from the first event until the second, and they made a material difference in the results of the second event."

"Cho is responsible for the carnage," he said. "In respect to suggested changes, we recognize, as does the panel, that no plausible scenario was made for how this horror could have been present once he began that morning.

"I am not aware of anything the police learned that would have indicated that a mass murder was imminent."

One victim's mother urged the governor to "show some leadership" and fire Steger, and other parents demanded accountability for the errors.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, however, said the school's officials had suffered enough without losing their jobs.

"I want to fix this problem so I can reduce the chance of anything like this ever happening again," the governor said. "If I thought firings would be the way to do that, then that would be what I would focus on."

Kaine said instead that parents of troubled children who are starting college should alert university officials, and those officials should "pick up the phone and call the parent" if they become aware of unusual behavior.

"The information needs to flow both ways," the governor said.

The eight-member panel appointed by Kaine spent four months investigating the attacks.

It found that even before the killings, the university had failed to properly care for the mentally troubled student gunman, Seung-Hui Cho. On April 16, a quick warning could have made a difference in 31 lives.

"The alert should have been issued and classes should have been closed," the panel's chairman, Gerald Massengill, told the AP Thursday.

The first two victims were shot in the dormitory shortly after 7 a.m. It wasn't until 9:26 a.m. that the school sent an e-mail to students and faculty warning: "Shooting on campus. The university community is urged to be cautious and are asked to contact Virginia Tech Police if you observe anything suspicious or with information on the case." Cho opened fire inside Norris Hall about 20 minutes later.

Derek O'Dell, who was shot in the arm at Norris Hall, said he probably wouldn't have gone to class that morning if he knew there was a killer on the loose.

"I don't think anybody would have," he said.

But the panel also concluded that a lockdown of the 131 buildings on campus would not have been feasible. And while the first message sent by the university could have gone out at least an hour earlier and been more specific, Cho likely still would have found more people to kill, it said.

"There does not seem to be a plausible scenario of a university response to the double homicide that could have prevented the tragedy of considerable magnitude on April 16," the report said. "Cho had started on a mission of fulfilling a fantasy of revenge."

The report detailed a breakdown in communication about the gunman, who had shown signs of mental health problems for years.

His middle school teachers had found signs of suicidal and homicidal thoughts in his writings after the Columbine High School shootings in 1999. He received psychiatric counseling and was on medication for a short time. In 2006, he wrote a paper for his Virginia Tech creative writing class about a young man who hates students at his school and plans to kill them and himself, the report said.

The university's counseling center failed to give Cho the support he needed despite the warnings, including his referral to the center in 2005 because of bizarre behavior and concerns he was suicidal, the panel said. It blamed a lack of resources, misinterpretation of privacy laws and passivity.

Individuals and departments at Virginia Tech were aware of incidents that suggested his mental instability, but "did not intervene effectively. No one knew all the information and no one connected all the dots," the report said.

The report said the response by university and Blacksburg police to the dormitory shootings was well coordinated, and said the police response at Norris Hall was "prompt and effective," as was triage and evacuation of the wounded. But it also noted university police may have erred in prematurely concluding that the first two shootings were the result of a domestic dispute.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Maple Street Closure Creates Problems Around Campus

Local residents, college students along with faculty and staff continue maneuvering around construction on Maple Street in New Wilmington this week. Contractors continue with curb demolition.

They are also installing new storm drains along the lower portion of the street. Borough officials say this work should be complete this week, but it could take another week for the repaving project.

Until then crews will often have Maple Street closed as well as other streets that connect to it. South Mercer is one that has had a portion closed at times.

Such feeder streets to Maple have also become crowded with parking as access to campus parking lots becomes restricted when Maple is closed.

Four Local Catholic Churches Closed For Good

Four Roman Catholic churches in Lawrence County closed over the weekend with their congregations consolidated with nearby parishes. Three of those churches are in New Castle and another in Ellwood City.

Over the weekend, the Diocese of Pittsburgh's shutdown Saint Michael, Saints Philip and James and Holy Cross in New Castle. The congregations of those three churches will join Saint Lucy Church which will change its name to Saint Vincent de Paul Church.

The Diocese is also closed Ellwood City's Saint Agatha Church. The congregation there joins at the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church will change its name to Holy Redeemer Church. All four churches shut their doors on Saturday. Church leaders say all parish names will remain the same.

McGill Library Renovations

McGill Library at Westminster College reopened its doors for the fall semester unveiling some major renovations and something never felt before inside the building-- air conditioning. The new heating and cooling system is one of the features of the multi-million dollar project.

"Visitors will really notice a change on our ground floor," head librarian Molly Spinney said. " We have new compacted shelving and we're eager to teach students how to use it. It provides lots of additional space for our collection. The new carpet and paint also make it a much brighter and lighter area than before."

The library was closed for several weeks over the summer so work crews could shore up the floor where the new compact shelving system is now located. While crews are putting on finishing touches, the library is open for business.

INTERNATIONAL

Parents named as suspects in disappearence of 4-year-old daughter return to England

CASTLE DONINGTON, England (AP) _ A British couple named as suspects in the disappearance of their 4-year-old daughter returned to England Sunday, days after being grilled by Portuguese police about new forensic evidence authorities believe ties them to the case.

Kate and Gerry McCann flew from Faro in southern Portugal with their 2-year-old twins. On the airport tarmac in central England, Gerry McCann denied being involved in the disappearance of his 4-year-old daughter Madeleine and said the events of the last few days had been deeply disturbing.

"While it is heartbreaking to return to the U.K. without Madeleine, it does not mean we are giving up the search for her," he said.

"We have played no part in the disappearance of our lovely daughter Madeleine," he added before the family left for their home in the village of Rothley, about 100 miles north of London.

On Friday, Portuguese police named the McCanns as suspects in Madeleine's May 3 disappearance, but did not confiscate their passports or restrict their movements.

As the plane took off, a family spokeswoman, Justine McGuinness, read out a brief statement, saying the McCanns were "returning to Britain after careful thought" and in order to allow their other children a more normal life.

The McCanns, who have not been charged, have said they would be available to return to Portugal for questioning if needed.

Portuguese police spokesman Olegario Sousa told The Associated Press the McCanns did not need official authorization to travel because they had provided authorities with their home address so that they could be contacted.

"The investigation will only end when we think the case file is complete and we hand our findings to the Public Prosecutor," who then decides whether to drop the case or bring charges," he said.

The McCanns say Madeleine vanished from a hotel room in southern Portugal's Algarve region, where she and her siblings were sleeping, while her parents ate dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Until Friday, suspicion had centered on Robert Murat, a British man who lived near the hotel from which Madeleine disappeared, and who was the only formal suspect. No charges have ever been brought against him, and he has said he is innocent.

The case took a turn in recent days, after police said new forensic tests done on evidence gathered months after the girl vanished found traces of blood in the couple's car. The traces of blood, apparently missed in earlier forensic tests, were uncovered by sniffer dogs brought from Britain.

The McCanns had vowed not to leave Portugal until their daughter was found. But that stance seems to have changed even before police named them as suspects.

Gerry McCann said in a newspaper interview he was concerned their treatment indicates Portuguese police are under intense pressure to solve the case.

"We thought we were in our worst nightmare but now it just keeps getting worse and worse," he was quoted as saying in an interview with the Sunday newspaper The News of the World.

"We're desperate to get back for the kids' sake and emotional reasons," he was quoted as saying. "It's not that we're running away."

Gerry McCann's sister, Philomena, has said police had proposed a plea bargain, suggesting the girl might have been killed accidentally and offering the mother a limited sentence if she confessed.

The couple's ordeal has drawn attention around the world, partly because of an unprecedented international campaign they led to find their daughter.

The McCanns have toured Europe with photos of Madeleine and the child's stuffed animals and clothing, even meeting with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican. Celebrities including children's author J.K. Rowling and soccer star David Beckham made public appeals that helped the family raise more than US$2 million.

Campus News

Students looking to volunteer visit fair

By Lindsay Crist
Campus Writer

The catch line is "Give your time to help/work with kids, youth and senior citizens," and the purpose is to get the campus community involved outside of the college.

The V.I.S.A. Fair, held on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the McKevley Campus Center, was buzzing with curious students anxious to find out how they could get involved.

The V.I.S.A. Fair, an anachronism for Volunteering Is Serving and Action, was organized with the efforts from the Drinko Center and the Chapel staff. The event included 15 organizations hoping to encourage students to volunteer their time.

The Lawrence County Community Action Partnership, L.C.C.A.P., table was frequently crowded with students. It has many different programs including the popular Head Start program, which has four different locations and works with 429 children.

"The children really look forward to seeing the student volunteers," Joanna Cappabianco, education coordinator, said. "The student volunteers help with reading and serve as great role models."

The L.C.C.A.P., which has been attending the V.I.S.A. Fair for many years, is happy with the two or three dozen volunteers that they get from participating, but has seen a decline in participants since the college got rid of the requirement for volunteer hours.

"We like to get to know the student volunteers and learn their talents, so that we can use their talents to work with our residents," Sharyn McCakey of the Shenango Presbyterian Senior Care program said.

The S.P.S.C. program has been attending the V.I.S.A. fair for many years and has also noticed a shift in numbers of volunteers after the college took away the volunteer requirement. The numbers dropped from 70 to 80 students to 10 or 20 students. However, the organization is still pleased that students want to offer their time.

"We are close and volunteer friendly," Shawna Bostaph said.

Some students attend the fair in order to gain service hours to fulfill the education department's requirement, but not all students feel they have to attend.

Katie Gray, a first year student, was looking for a good way to spend her free time and picked up some information packets on the Big Brother/Big Sister program and Habitat for Humanity.

"I just like to volunteer," Gray said. "I have also gone on mission trips with my church from home."

Some students have volunteered in the past and want to keep serving the community even if they are new to the area.

"I came to see how I could get involved in the community," first year student Alison Paden said. "I want to leave my mark."

Gray and Paden show that students still want to get involved in their community.

After the service requirement was lifted, Rev. Jim Mohr noticed a drastic drop in volunteerism throughout the campus community.

"We thought we should not have to force students to volunteer after the requirement was dropped, but along with it, so have the numbers," Mohr said. "Interest has gone from about 300 students to about 50 student volunteers, just to add some perspective."

Shane Killan, a new member to the Drinko Center staff, said that the goal of the V.I.S.A. Fair was to "set up an infrastructure between the campus resources and with the community's needs."

Killan went to six or seven of the Inquiry classes last week to talk with the students about getting involved in community service, serving learning programs stemming from classes and the Drinko Center. The Drinko Center is working on setting up a new website to promote different service organizations and the opportunities to serve others.

Photo by Sky Yaple

Fifteen organizations attended to encourage students to volunteer.

Photo by Sky Yaple

Students visit volunteer fair

Members of the campus attended the V.I.S.A. fair on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Professor and student published in magazine

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Dr. Craig Caylor, associate professor of physics, and Lisa Gayetsky, a senior physics major, authored "Measuring the Forces Between Magnetic Dipoles," which was printed in the September issue of The Physics Teacher.

Explaining the relationship between magnets, Caylor and Gayetsky developed an experiment involving magnetic forces and wrote their paper in 2006. Caylor has been a teacher on campus since 2001. He earned his bachelors degree at Kansas State University and his masters and doctorate degrees at Cornell University.

Gayetsky graduated from Canfield High School. Through their collaboration, Caylor and Gayetsky were successful in publishing their experiment. Because the experiment mainly uses simple materials, it is ideal for introductory physics courses.

"Though magnets are common objects that people encounter in science classes all the way back to grade school, the force between those magnets is often not treated carefully in introductory physics," Caylor said. "The experiment we describe can hopefully help students understand some important aspects of the force between two magnets or a magnet and a piece of steel."

According to "Measuring the Forces Between Magnetic Dipoles," the experiment is ideal for the undergraduate laboratory.

Caylor originally developed this experiment to help students better understand the relationship between magnetic forces. Caylor began thinking about this experiment during his first year here, and took some primary data in the Spring of 2006. That summer, Gayetsky perfected the experiment and took more data.

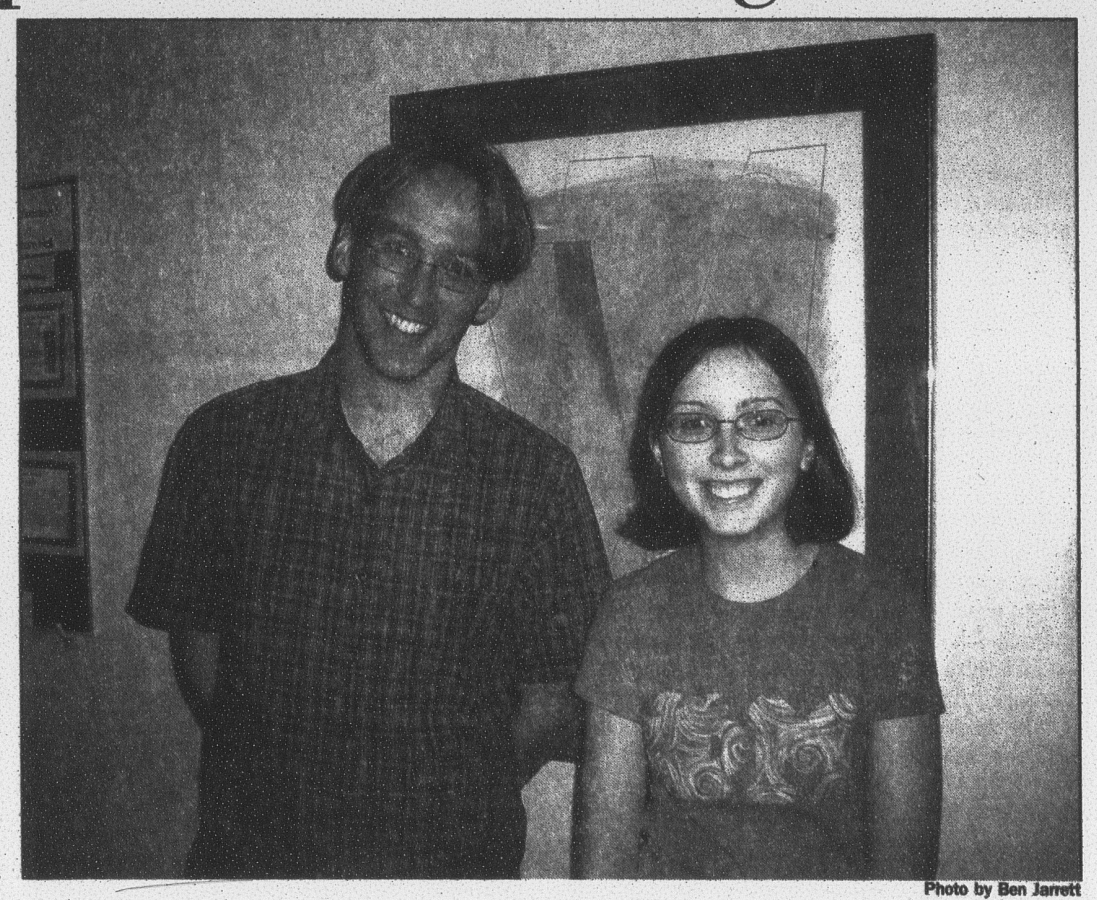
Many other experiments involving this topic were unnecessarily complicated. However, this experiment requires only a triple-beam balance, a meter stick and two magnets. The goal of this experiment is to measure the force between a permanent magnet and a piece of steel. Both permanent and permanent-induced dipole's forces are measured. Dipoles are magnetic poles of opposite polarity that are separated by a small distance. The data of the experiment is consistent with theoretical ideals of magnetic forces and better helps students understand the relationship between them.

Caylor and Gayetsky tested the experiment on summer school students last year and wrote the paper in fall 2006. By working together, a professor and student succeeded in becoming published authors.

"This type of interaction is what we strive for at Westminster, where students and faculty collaborate on significant projects," physics professor Dr. G. Samuel Lightner said.

Collaboration between professors and students is very common on campus and is encouraged. This sort of interaction helps both professors and students to better understand each other on academic and personal levels. Unlike other schools, Westminster is open to allowing relationships between students and professors to further academic research and progress.

"I'd like to thank lots of people on campus for fostering a climate where faculty and students are encouraged to do research together, also a climate in which research on issues of teaching and learning are valued," Caylor said.



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Dr. Craig Caylor and Lisa Gayetsky recognized for experiment

The two conducted an experiment involving magnetic forces. Their methods were published in the September issue of The Physics Teacher.

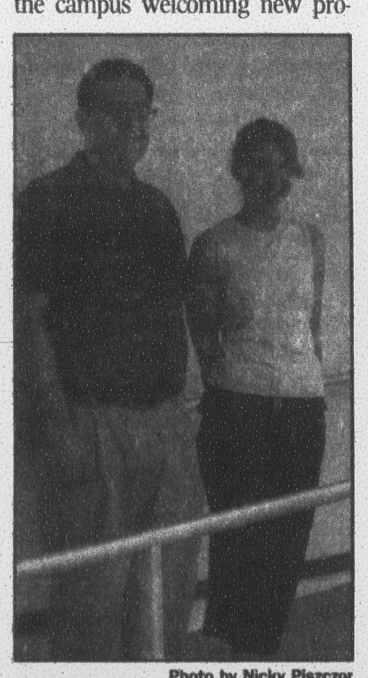
Two new professors welcomed

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

This year the campus welcomes two new professors to the departments of political science and sociology.

Dr. Michael E. Aleprete, Jr. and Dr. Danielle Ficco will contribute to the education system this year.

"I think it is always great to see the campus welcoming new professors every year," junior Gwen Gorski said.



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The political science and sociology departments welcome Dr. Michael Aleprete and Dr. Danielle Ficco.

Aleprete is originally from the Pittsburgh area where he received his undergraduate degree of political science at Duquesne University.

Later on he attended the University of Pittsburgh where he received his master's and doctorate in political science.

Aleprete has taught as a visiting professor on different college campuses such as Franklin and Marshall College, Dickinson College, Pennsylvania State University in Erie and New Kensington, Berry College, Duquesne University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

While attending Duquesne University, Aleprete held the position of general manger of the college radio DSR, which he considers one of his most memorable moments throughout college.

"Now as a professor I feel I can relate to my students, but on the other hand the gap becomes wider every year," Aleprete said. "My students are always going to be the same age as I am not."

Aleprete's advice to students here on campus is to read. Students need to worry about reading in addition to assignments which will make school easier in the end.

Another professor new on campus to the sociology department is Dr. Danielle Ficco.

Originally from Allentown, Pa., Ficco earned her undergraduate and master's at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Recently over the summer, she received her graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

As a visiting professor, Ficco has taught at Washington and Jefferson College, Carlow University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

While in college, Ficco participated in activities such as teaching aerobics, holding the position of recruitment director for her sorority, Alpha Sigma Tau, and working for Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute (MAATI).

A memorable moment for Ficco is working for MAATI where she completed her first research project on domestic violence.

As a professor, Ficco feels she can relate to her students as she knows how hard school and managing time can be.

"My advice to students here on campus is to go to class," Ficco said. "Class is half the battle and to also ask for help because that is what teachers are there for."

The campus has welcomed Aleprete to a tenure track position and will be a permanent professor while Ficco is a visiting professor for one year here on campus.

Sorority to take part in walk

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

The sisters of the Sigma Kappa sorority are joining 200,000 others across the nation in a Memory Walk to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation.

The Memory Walk will take place at Buhl Park in Sharon, Pa. on Sept. 15, 2007.

"We walk in honor and in memory of all Alzheimer patients," Sigma Kappa Philanthropy Chair Jenn Byers said. "Sigma Kappa goes as a group to support the philanthropy, but being there means something different to each girl."

Five million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Web site www.alz.org. Alzheimer's disease affects the brain and how it functions. The effects of Alzheimer's disease range from forgetfulness to the loss of the ability to function during daily life. Sadly, every 72 seconds someone is diagnosed with the disease. It is most common amongst elderly people.

"I walk in memory of my grandpa who died from Alzheimer's disease," Byers said. "I know other girls who will be walking have lost loved ones too, so we really do it in memory of them and to help support the cause."

Along with the Memory Walk, Sigma Kappa will be selling forget-me-not cards and lollipops to raise money for the Alzheimer's Foundation. In the past, the sisters have sold the lollipops to raise money to "lick Alzheimer's disease." However, the forget-me-not cards are a new addition this year.

"The forget-me-nots are paper flowers that you can buy one for one dollar. You can either write your name on it or write a name in honor of someone else," Sigma Kappa Foundations Chair Ashley Carnahan said. "It's just a nice way to show that you support the research."

The lollipop and forget-me-not sales will be held on selected days during the month of October, and anyone interested in supporting the cause can stop by the TUB during lunch and dinner. After they are done selling the forget-me-nots, the cards will be gathered together and displayed on a big sign that will hang in the TUB.

"I bought a lollipop from Sigma Kappa last year and I've gone to Sigma Kappa's "Miss Titan" the past two years," junior Jenna Rosenbauer said. "Alzheimer's is a horrible disease that affects so many people, so I support Sigma Kappa's efforts to promote research and awareness about the disease."

Aside from the Memory Walk, the lollipop and forget-me-not sales, Sigma Kappa's biggest philanthropy event is held in the spring during Greek Week. The "Miss Titan" event consists of male candidates, representing many of the Greek and other organizations on campus, participating in a beauty pageant. Every year the winner of the pageant is crowned the new "Miss Titan."

"'Miss Titan' is great way to get the entire campus involved in supporting the Alzheimer's cause, and it is so nice that we are able to show our support for the cause in such a big way," Carnahan said. "The guys really get into it and everyone really enjoys the whole program."

Highlights from "Miss Titan" include a swimsuit contest, a dance-off and a question and answer section. Last year, Nate Dodd replaced the previous year's winner, Gene Cunningham, as the new "Miss Titan." Dance Theatre also performs a few selected numbers from their spring concert during the different portions of the contest.

"The event is such a good time and it is so comical," junior Kylene Hoch said. "Nate made a really good "Miss Titan," but Eric Chesney sure gave him a run for his money."

Campus News

SGA begins new year with change

By Brian Carbone
Campus Writer

As a new school year begins to unravel and students settle into their routines, the Student Government Association is off to an early start by making changes happen on campus.

At the beginning of the school year, the hours of operation for the fitness center were limited and many students were not happy. SGA took this matter into their hands and were able to resolve the conflict so that the gym would be opening earlier than 11 a.m., which, in-turn, set students at ease on the issue.

"A lot of students who only had time to work out in the morning were pretty upset when we found out that the hours were severely shortened, but when SGA worked out the problem many of the girls on my hall, including myself, were pretty pumped," junior Megan Alexander said.

On top of helping out with student concerns and problems, SGA, lead by slate president Carsen Nesbitt, helps in coordinating events at the college, giving money to other student organizations for their budgets, and tries to keep the student body happy. One of SGA's biggest events is organizing and putting on VolleyRock. This past year it was led by Vice President, Elena Infante.

"We had the best turn out for VolleyRock in all the years we've been doing it," Infante said. "We were all really pleased with the amount of teams that came out for the event as well as the money we raised from it."

Nesbitt's slate includes nine other members and is backed by 48 members of the senate, 12 from each class. The four executive board members who serve on Slate Nesbitt include: President, Carsen Nesbitt, Vice President, Elena Infante, Secretary, Jordan Flaim, and Treasurer, Steve Ruperto. There are six other cabinet members who were appointed by the slate and approved by the senate. They include: Chair of Public Relations, Jeremy Lawler, Chair of Student Concerns, Ashley Carnahan, Chair of Finances, Connor Simpson, Chair of Academics, Corey Mathias, Chair of Special Events, Ashley Ray, and Chair of Diversity, Barry Unis.

On top of the changes SGA has already made this year, including the change in the fitness center hours, the institution of a symposium on diversity for the Fresh Start program, and a new TV at the information desk in McKelvey to display upcoming events, they hope to make a few additional ones as well. Nesbitt and her followers hope to hold more campus events, have additional SGA days with more free food, create a diversity website and invite a few people to speak about diversity to the campus, as well as continue to try and work with the students on their campus food complaints and concerns.

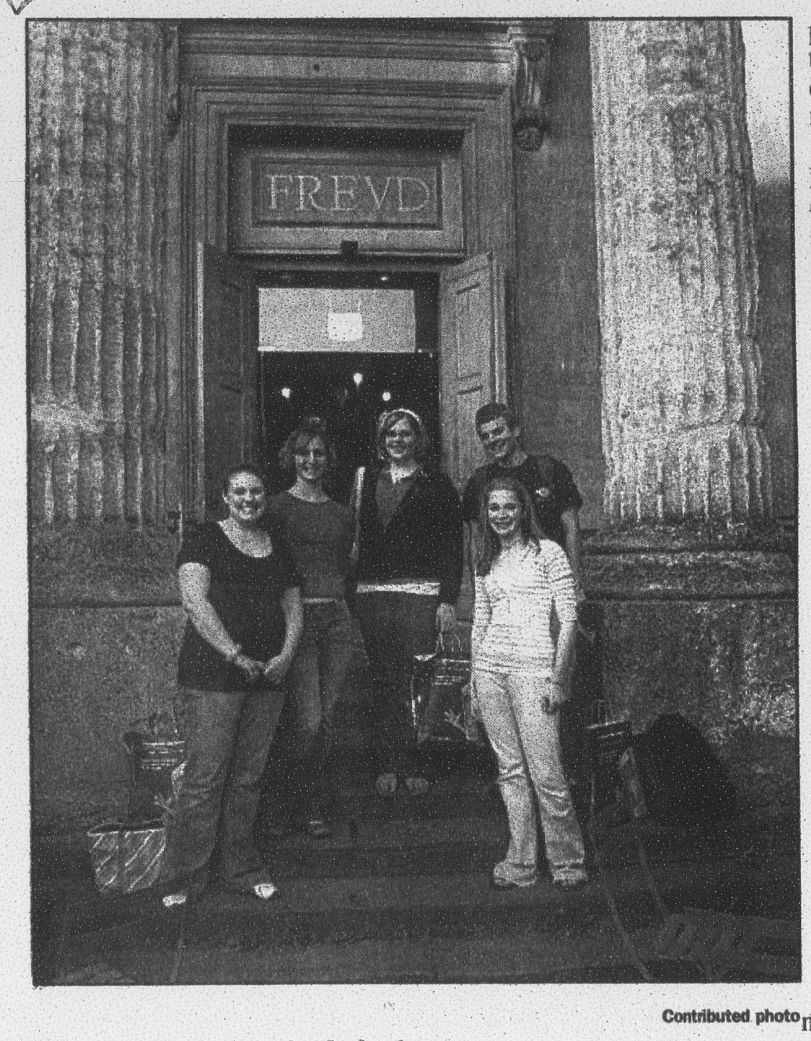
"We have our own personal goals we set in our platform, but we also like to take student ideas and run with those," Nesbitt said. "We have a lot of things going on outside of our regular events, but what really drives SGA is what the students want."

Earlier this week was the election for first year student senators. There were 17 freshmen who were running to gain a spot in the 12 available. They were held on Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11. The results will be printed in next week's edition as well as being announced by SGA. The new elected members will begin serving their term on Thursday, September 13 when SGA holds their first meeting of the school year.

Photo by Mandie Zoller

Slate Nesbitt: from left, Ashley Ray, Jordan Flaim, Ashley Carnahan, Jeremy Lawler, Carsen Nesbitt, Elena Infante, Barry Unis, Cory Mathias, Conor Simpson, Steve Ruperto

Classes begin at Oxford for study abroad students



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Students shopping in Oxford

By Kathryn Zetzer
Staff writer

This semester 43 students from Westminster College will be traveling to nine different countries in a study abroad program run by Capa Center for Academic Programs Abroad.

Students began classes in Oxford, England on Monday Sept10, but their preparation set in motion long before in October 2006. During the previous academic year the professors accompanying the students as well as the courses offered are announced.

This year, Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow from the sociology department and Dr. Deborah Mitchell from the English ans public relations department will be teaching in Oxford along with an Oxford professor.

Sociology, English and film studies will all be offered fulfilling each students cluster course and IP requirements for graduation. Unlike transferring credits from other schools, all credits and grades are transferred onto the student's permanent record.

Students are well-informed concerning their credits. Each of these full time students are expected to graduate on time. The commitment of Professor Jeff Berset, study abroad faculty and registrar create a comfortable atmosphere.

"The support offered to the students before, during and after make it much more enjoyable because the students are not distracted and able to better work through situations because of this support," said Doreen Matune, Secretary for off-campus studies.

The cost of studying abroad is very similar to that of studying at Westminster with only a few differences. Students can expect to pay about 1,000 dollars for a round trip airfare as well as expenses for outside excursions.

While in Oxford students have traveled all over England, France, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the Czech Republic. These valuable opportunities are very rarely turned down by students.

Although this trip is mandatory for modern language, international business and international politics majors many students choose to study abroad for personal reasons.

"I am glad I made the decision I did," said Liz McLaughlin, Oxford student, "I mean it is really different, but it's a good kind of different because I needed this experience."

Those students in Oxford will not be returning to the states until December 10 and while transitions for some may be difficult. The study abroad program has never had a student that regretted the experience. All students will live with host families.

These students include: Christina Alducka, Alex Alfieri, Zoe Anothony, Carly Brelietic, Rachel Burkot, Stephanie Chaffee, Amanda Conway, Jeffery Downey, Jessica Farrelly, Travis Gulling, Tara Hershey, Emily Herzing, Matt Hewston, Alec Johnson,

Brian Leonhard, Alyson Lingle, Jacquelin Linville, Zachary Marsh, Liz McLaughlin, Amanda Miller, Shannon Richter, Nicole Roberts, Bridget Roth, Tara Savage, Lauren Sieger, Lindsey Stanskiewicz and Katie West.

"So far it has been amazing," said Stephanie Chaffee, Oxford student, "It's a bit of a shock for everyone to be driving on the wrong side of the road, but its great and even better because classes started today!"

Traveling across the globe, 17 brave students have chosen destinations that leave them a bit more excluded. Studying in France are students; Jennifer Sitter, Virginia Wright and Marissa Young.

Exploring Spain are students; Lynn Elliott, Tony Gomez, Kimberly Swihart Julie Tvaruzek and Rachel Webb. Elena Antonucci and Andrew Kubincanek are surveying Italy.

Rebecca Baily is investigating Ecudor, Tracy Harmon is exploring Ireland, Erin Tarpey is discovering Costa Rica, Jamie Guffey is assessing Pittsburgh, Valerie Jackson is viewing England, while Danette Nelson examines The Dominican Republic.

Depending on the program students have a choice of living with a host family, in a dorm or international housing. International housing lets students connect and bond with people from all over the world. This highly encouraged option is decided by many students because of the growth potential. Studying abroad is a process of learning that manyother colleges cannot compete against.

"The best part of my job is seeing all these places through my students' eyes" said Doreen Matune.

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Oxford students take a break from touring.

Students locked out of townhouses

By Eilis McCulloh
Campus Writer

Some Berlin Village residents faced unexpected problems in entering their respective townhouses after a malfunctioning switchboard caused problems with the Titan Card entry access.

Not long after students moved into the townhouses on August 26, they discovered that their Titan Cards would not let them into either entrance of the townhouse. Residents in numbers 11 through 15 were affected. According to Dean Lechner, "one group would not grant access to Titan Cards."

Lechner said that the problem began with "a lightning strike or power surge that fried part of the electronic components in some control panels at Berlin Village."

There were two different problems with the Titan Card entry system. "One group of townhouses would not grant access with the student's Titan Card, so we temporarily issued keys to the residents, and they were able to maintain access," Lechner said. "Another group of townhouses would grant access to previously programmed cards, but would not accept data input into the system for new cards."

For the first few days after the initial problem, residents had to contact campus security to enter their house. "It was only a problem the first few days because if one of my roommates was not there, I had to call security to let me in," resident Gene Cunningham said.

Resident Marissa Shetler agrees. "It was a bit of a hassle to call security every time we needed into our house," Shetler said.

Berlin Village student manager Shannon Smith was quick to issue keys to the affected residents. The keys, while only a temporary solution, allowed residents to enter their townhouse through the courtyard door.

Some residents faced bigger problems. A few doors beeped continuously even when no one opened a door. One resident complained that the "alarms were going off for an hour or more at a time (when the doors were closed) and was much more obnoxious than the entry problem."

Residents in neighboring townhouses could hear the continual beeping through the walls. Even though living in a townhouse is luxurious compared to dorm living, residents, whose doors continually beeped, preferred to be elsewhere, away from the annoying noise.

Residents also had to deal with the coming and going of campus security and several maintenance workers. at one point, they disabled the alarm above all the doors in an attempt to stop the beeping.

The dilemma lasted almost three weeks due to a problem with the vendor and obtaining the parts needed for repairs.

Throughout the whole ordeal, the townhouses remained locked and secured, and either through contacting security or a newly issued key, residents were able to maintain access to their townhouse.

Stanley Access System is still fine tuning the situation and working with the programming portion of the system. Despite the last minute adjustments, Lechner said that all affected students should be able to access their townhouse with their Titan Card.

Laptops
Students still waiting for college laptops

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"At Fresh Start training, we were told about the situation with Dell," senior Sam Leipheimer said.

"Certain parts of the computers ordered were discontinued, but Dell sold the computers anyway. Now; Westminster is getting blamed; parents and students are displeased."

"I feel bad for the freshman class; in years past, I've never heard of such a dilemma with the school. It is terrible that the parents are mad at the school when Dell has done this in the past to other costumers," sophomore Gary Hanssen said.

"When my parents ordered a Dell about three years ago, they sold a group of people computers that had parts discontinued, but Dell asked my parents to upgrade to the next computer."

Galbreath
Building not fully occupied

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The Residence Life staff and Physical Plant decided that since the hall would be closed, now would be a good time to begin the renovation. When deciding which hall to close, the low enrollment was only part of the decision. The fact that the third south wing restroom was also in poor condition helped to finalize the decision, according to Vance.

As soon as plans can be finalized, and it is most convenient, work will begin in the restroom. Vance said that she and other members of her staff will be meeting during the week of September 10, with the contractor to finalize plans and create a timeline for this and other parts of the Residence Hall Improvement Projects.

An obvious concern for women living on all floors in Galbreath is the potential for disruption caused by the work on the third floor. The meeting next week between Residence Life and their contractor will define what kind of work will be going on and if it can be undertaken during the academic year.

"My goal is to work with Physical Plant and the contractor so the work will be of as little disturbance as possible," Vance said.

Vance would also like to stress that this closing had nothing to do with water and sewer problems that occurred in Galbreath in the spring of 2004. Those problems were all addressed and fixed at that time and are no longer affecting the building.

Campus News

Park and Postema travel to Nicaragua

Kristin Park and Joel Postema spend eight days at seminar in Central America

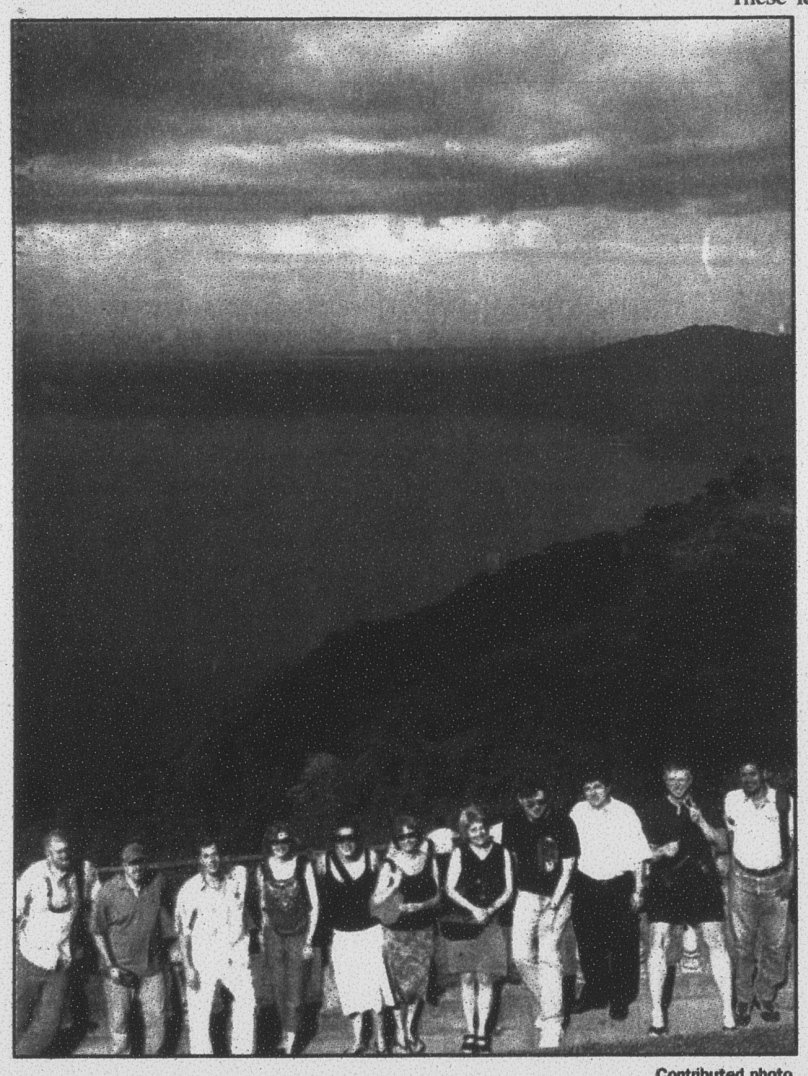
By Max Muska
Staff Writer

Professors Kristin Park and Joel Postema traveled to Nicaragua this summer for an International Faculty Development Seminar with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) which was titled "Revolution and the Rise of Neoliberalism."

"The seminar centered on recent political and economic developments in Nicaragua, a country that is among the poorest in the Americas," Postema said.

The eight day seminar focused on the Sandinista Revolution of 1979. The Nicaraguan dictatorship was overthrown in order to improve the lives of the citizens and move towards a better form of government.

"Nicaragua was and is important for US citizens as it was largely due to the efforts of the Reagan administration to destabilize the economy, as well as the US government's funding of the counter-revolutionary soldiers known as the contras, that the Sandinistas were voted out of power in 1990," Park said.



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Overlooking a vast landscape

Seminar attendees pose for a photo in Nicaragua.

Lectures given at the seminar included "The Sandinista Revolution and its Legacy," "The Contra War and its Impact on Nicaraguan Society," "Religion in Nicaragua" and "Poverty and Development." These lectures were given by Nicaraguan economists, political scientists and sociologists and policy-makers from past and current Nicaraguan governments.

"They spoke about the causes and legacies of the Sandinista revolution, US intervention in Nicaragua throughout history, poverty and development issues in Nicaragua today and the role of religion in Nicaraguan society, among other topics," Park said.

Dr. Park and JoAnn Chirico, a sociologist from Penn State, have developed a workshop and workbook on the topic of "Internationalizing the Curriculum." "It provides a listing of annotated resources and class exercises to help social scientists adopt a more global perspective when teaching their classes. I am developing a Nicaraguan case study to add to this project," Park said.

Park thought the most interesting speaker was Mary Hamlin, an American who went to Nicaragua in 1968 to become the first Associate Director of the Peace Corps there. She left Nicaragua shortly before the revolution because of her opposition to the dictatorship.

"Mary is a courageous and inspiring woman who embraces Nicaragua as her adopted country and lives her beliefs daily through running a Non-Governmental Organization that provides health care and education to women and children," Park said.

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"It was interesting to learn about how the current president, Daniel Ortega, hopes to participate in both free trade agreements and in some of the populist, pan-Latin American ventures of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez," Park said. "This practical approach hopes to reap the advantages of both capitalism and socialism and for that reason is worth watching as a possible model for other Latin American nations."

The trip also offered opportunities for enjoying the culture and scenery of Nicaragua. The participants ate Nicaraguan food, traveled to important historical sites and interacted with the Nicaraguan people.

"While in Nicaragua, Dr. Park and I were able to meet Westminster alum Kristin Allen who was doing an internship in Nicaragua this past summer. Kristin was working with a charitable organization named Chess Nicaragua where she helped the schools in the district of Villa El Carmen with an English language program for 5th and 6th grade classes," Postema said.

"It was very interesting to see the differing ways in which Nicaragua's problems were explained and the various plans for the country's future," Postema said.

"The Nicaraguan people were very warm and hospitable to us and showed great pride in teaching us about their history, culture and landscape," Park said. "I admire their resilience when confronting challenges that would defeat many of us in this country."

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Postema and Park traveled with CIEE to Nicaragua this summer.

Spanish professor Postema enjoyed learning about plans for Nicaragua's future.

Braving the wild waters

Students and staff travel to Ohio Pyle, Pa. to go white-water rafting

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Embarking on an excursion with Titan Traverse

Twenty-five students and staff from Titan Traverse learned the techniques of white-water rafting before spending hours going down the rocky rapids.

By Laura Henry
Staff Wrtier

Fighting their way through the raging rapids of the lower Youghiogheny River, brave students finished their white water rafting experience strong, receiving only minor bumps and bruises.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, with an early departure of 7:20 a.m., 25 student members of Titan Traverse and staff drove a long two and a half hour drive to Wilderness Voyageurs, in Ohio Pyle Pa. After receiving life jackets and helmets, the group was taught skills of survival to brave the sometimes fierce waters. They were divided into four boats, each containing six people. Members of Titan Traverse and the Slippery Rock staff, who were accustomed to the rapids, were in kayaks, serving as guides. Following training, each group carried their raft above their heads, following the path down to the river.

Before getting their feet wet, they were further instructed and watched an intimidating video of crashes and other risks rafting involved. To prevent serious injuries or even death they were told the most important tip of white water rafting: "keep your feet up." When a rafter's foot becomes wedged under a rock and the strong current pulls them under water, people often drown, which is the number one cause of death on the Youghiogheny River. The students all took the tips very seriously. The Youghiogheny has already taken 19 lives, and they did not want to be its next victims. Once their fears were elevated it was time to paddle forward.

Then the real adventure began as they pushed themselves away from the shore, heading toward class three and four rapids. Some of the rapids included Rivers End, Maze, Burners Run, Dimple and Killer Falls. During the adrenaline rush and excitement of the day, white water rafting became not only a thrilling adventure, but also an experience of leadership and teamwork.

Throughout the trip, Titan Traverse director Laura Nystrom served as one of the guides. She has taken many trips to the rapids, one including a recent voyage down the Colorado River. With 10 years of experience in the intense waters, she made sure that all of her students arrived home safely. Fortunately there were no close calls, but if there would have been, Nystrom would have been ready.

"I enjoy being on the river and taking people who have never been rafting before," Nystrom said. "I enjoy seeing how nervous they are as they go down the rapids, watching their excitement, hearing them cheer when the make it down and even watching them fall out of the raft. It is exciting to watch from the kayak perspective and to see everyone's success."

Prior to this trip, junior Leslie Bollibon had never been rafting. She was nervous before the first rapid, but after she overcame those fears she paddled hard and enjoyed the ride the water offered her.

"My favorite part of the trip was that I was able to get to know other students better," Bollibon said. "I also liked the teamwork and corporation that everyone had. Everyone listened to our captain and got along."

Senior Josh Anderson also had never previously been white water rafting, but was excited he could attend. Even though he fell out of the raft directly after making it through the toughest rapid, he still had fun.

"I had wanted to go white water rafting for forever," Anderson said. "As soon as I got the email, I went to the office and handed in my $40. I was excited that I finally got to go."

After hours of thrilling rides down the cold waters of the Youghiogheny River the staff and students, both wet and exhausted, carried their rafts up the hill where a shuttle drove them to the equipment drop off. After changing out of their wet clothes, they loaded up the vans and were on the road again. They arrived back to campus at 8:50 p.m. The day was filled with new friends, new memories and new adventures that no one will soon forget.

In the future, Titan Traverse will have additional day trips involving rock climbing and caving.

Sports

Titan football rolls over St. Vincent to go 2-0

Bearcats lose; final score 48-7

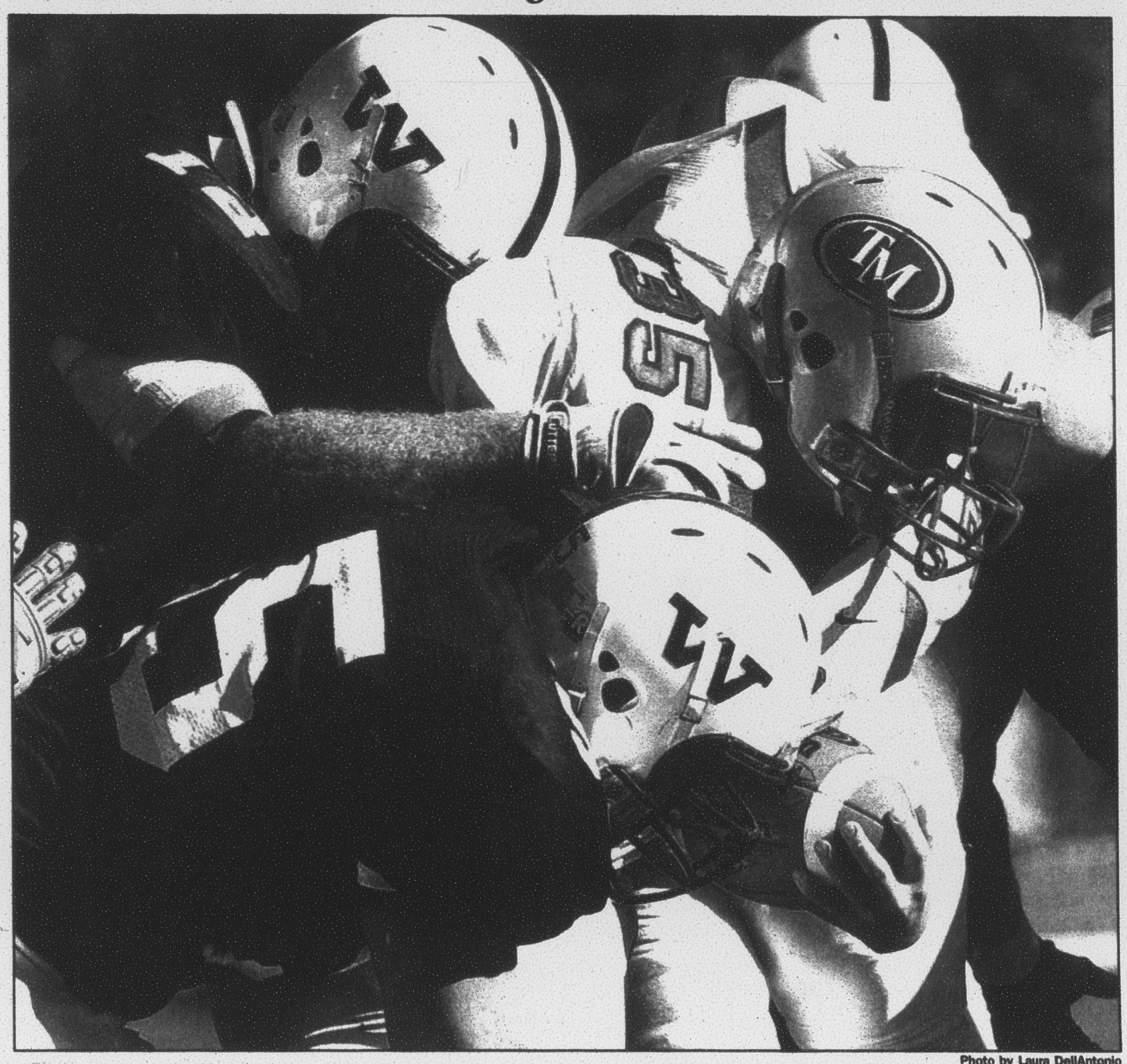


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Titans bring down a bearcat player during the game on Saturday at St. Vincent

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

With the help of a phenomenal offensive game the Titans rolled to a 48-7 victory over the Saint Vincent Bearcats. The Titans ran and passed the ball well with the only blemishes being two interceptions thrown by sophomore quarterback Kevin Franz. The defense also played well allowing only 7 points and forcing 3 turnovers on the day.

The game started off with Westminster receiving the kickoff and returning it to their own 39 yard line for a gain of 23 yards. After the return the Titans went to the ground game where running back Nick McKolosky dominated all day. He started the day off with a 15 yard gain followed by a 12 yard gain driving the offense to the Saint Vincent 46 yard line.

The next play was a pass to tight end Jack Seifert for a gain of 33 yards the Titans scored on the ensuing play which was a 1 yard run by McKolosky. The Titans kicked off with 13:26 left in the first quarter leading 7-0. Saint Vincent began its first drive of the game from the 34 yard line.

The Titans defense came out strong and forced a punt with in the first 7 plays. Westminster got the ball back with 9:07 remaining in the first and went to work offensively.

The drive started in Bearcat territory and Westminster went right back to the running game. After 3 straight touches by McKolosky the Titans took to the air. Completing consecutive passes, Franz first hooked up with Jason Discello for a 4 yard gain and the a 30 yard touchdown pass to wide out Chad Rosatelli to put Westminster up 14-0.

See Titan Football, B-2

The worst person to be in sports

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

"The worst person in the NFL," now there is an honor worthy of being handed out by Keith Olbermann. Although I was unsure at first, I listened to find out who was the worst person in the NFL and became rather intrigued. Part of my engagement and mood may have been the fact that the Cowboys had the halftime lead and anybody, even Keith Olbermann, is better to listen to than John Madden.

Nonetheless, I thought I could expand on this idea. Not only one worst person deserves my sole attention and not only one sport deserves all of the glory, but rather I thought the most interesting thing would be to put together a top ten list to reveal the honor of the worst person to be in sports. Drum roll.

10. JaMarcus Russell. Because playing quarterback for the Raiders is never fun.

9. Tiger Woods's trophy cleaner. Chalk up another win for Tiger. Winner of the Fed Ex Cup or not, there is no debate, this man is the best golfer this year and the best golfer ever. Cleaning all of those trophies sure would get monotonous.

8. Charlie Frye. Not finding open receivers, enter Derek Anderson. One bad game against Pittsburgh, you are not the starter. Leaving Cleveland to be the backup in Seattle, priceless. Although it is a welcomed move leaving Cleveland, the fact that after one bad start, you do not just get benched, but get traded earns you a spot on the worst person to be in sports list.

7. Driver for any other team besides Hendrick. If Nascar is your forte, you know what I'm talking about. Rick Hendrick's cars by far outperform everyone else's cars, which explains the dominance being displayed by Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson this year. Anybody want to bet that some driver other than Gordon or Johnson wins the Nextel Cup? Didn't think so.

6. Charlie Weis. Weis inherited one of the most storied programs in college football. 0-2 this year, coupled with four straight 20 plus point defeats, which by the way is a Notre Dame first, and things are really looking up for Charlie as one of the worst people to be in sports.

5. Roger Federer's opponent. Unless getting not only beat, but destroyed is something to be revered, being Roger Federer's opponent is one of the worst people to be in sports.

4. Dave Littlefield. This one is debatable. Losing your job definitely makes you somebody that I would not want to be. However, getting away from the Pirates may suggest otherwise.

3. Michael Vick. Enough said.

2. Romeo Crennel. After possibly the worst opening day performance in the NFL, Crennel should get a pen and get ready to sign his walking papers at season's end. Maybe the Browns, Lions, and Raiders should start a league of their own where they play a tri-scrimmage every week. Who knows, maybe Bill Cowher will turn the team around next season.

1. Lloyd Carr. A team expected to compete for the national championship now fights to try and win a game. Looks like the only bowl they are going to is the toilet bowl, which is relatively convenient because that is the same place Lloyd Carr's job is going at season's end. Congratulations, Coach Carr. You now hold the title of the worst person to be in sports.

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Lady Titans shut out Pitt-Bradford and LaRoche in non-conference competition

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team continued their shutout streak after defeating Pitt-Bradford and La Roche with scores of 4-0 and 6-0, respectively. Both games were non-conference.

Junior defender Jessi Losteter scored the first goal of the Pitt-Bradford match-up followed by freshman Hannah Schade in the 36th minute.

"The first goal of the Pitt-Bradford game was a great team effort," Losteter said. "We all worked together and I felt great to be able to put it away for my team."

Scoring her first collegiate goal in the 46th minute was freshman midfielder Emily Fitchwell.

Schade, assisted by senior midfielder Kaitlyn Etzel-Hardman, buried her third goal of the season and the final goal of the game.

Etzel-Hardman took seven of the Titans 34 total shots in the game. Defensively the Titans allowed only five shots, one of which was on goal.

The soccer team returned home over the weekend to compete with La Roche. The defense was sound once again allowing only one shot and offensively the Titans netted six of their 29 shots.

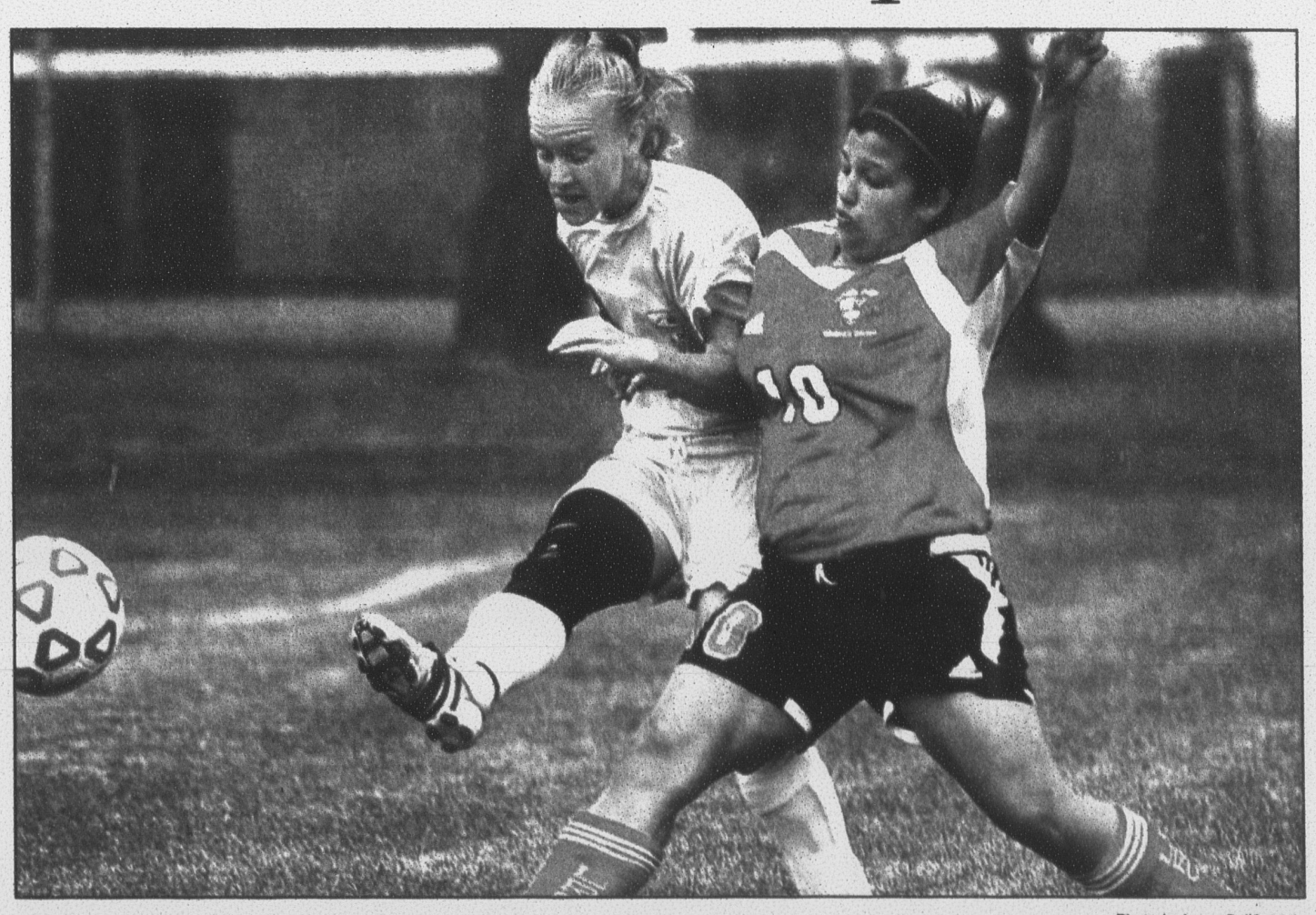
Leading scorers for the game were junior Christina Adams and sophomore Lauren Graeser, scoring two goals apiece. Schade contributed yet another goal, bringing her season total to a team-high of four.

"I don't look at the numbers," Schade explained. "I'm just happy and honored to play with these girls that love this sport like I do."

Freshman Sarah Neé netted her first collegiate goal after assisting on the Titans first two goals of the game.

"If we out work our opponents and play as a team I have no doubt in my mind we will come out ahead of every team we play this year," Losteter said.

The Titans travel to Lake Erie this week where they hope to continue their shutout streak.



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The Lady kickers added two more wins to their record. Above: Kristen Martin battles for the ball during one of the triumphant games.

Sports

Women's tennis improves to record to 2-0

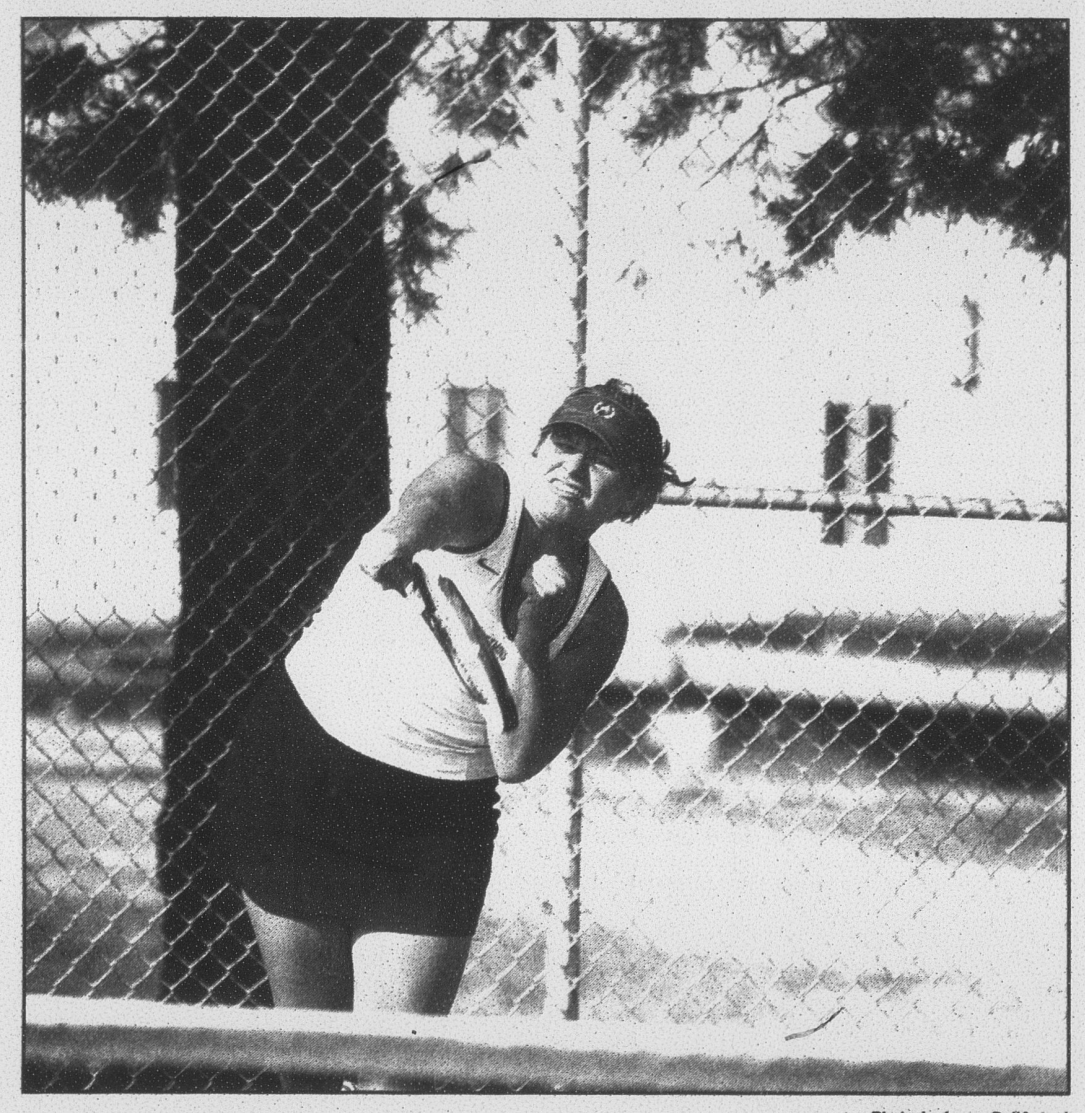


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Anna Will pounds the ball over the net against Frostburg State on Thursday. The team went on to win the match 8-1.

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team improved its record to 2-0 in the season with an 8-1 win over visiting Frostburg State Thursday, September 6 in non-conference action.

Multiple winners included sophomore April Scudere, who defeated Sarah Eisel at No. 1 single (6-0, 6-0). Senior Dana Larson conquered Vicky Stafford No. 2 singles (6-1, 6-3). While, senior Christina Commisso defeated Liz Coblentz at No. 4 singles (6-3, 6-1). Freshmen Rachel Jack and Natalie Hruska overcame Frostburg State at No. 5 and No. 6 singles.

Larson and Commisso defeated Eisel and Stafford, 8-1 at No. 1 doubles. While, Scudere and sophomore Hilary Newman beat Caroline Shedd and Coblentz at No. 2 Double (8-1). At No. 3 doubles seniors Trista Houck and Anna Will overpowered Kim Hardy and Sharis Erwin, 8-1.

The women's tennis team is off to a 3-0 start after the Lady Titans cruised to a 9-0 win over visiting Thomas More (0-1) Friday in PAC action. It was the first match of the season that counted toward conference standings.

Scudere defeated Alma Murqa (6-0, 6-1) at No. 1 singles, while Larson dominated Monica Pharo at No. 2 singles, 6-1 and 6-0. At No. 3 singles, Newman overcame Lindsey Burns, (6-0, 6-2) and Commisso defeated Brittaney Knapp (6-0, 6-3) at No. 4 singles. Classmates Jack and Hruska beat Kelly Fuqua, (6-0, 6-1) and Winfrey Moore (6-0, 6-0) at No.5 and No. 6 singles.

At No. 1 doubles Larson and Commisso defeated Monica Pharo and Alma Murqa, 9-7. While, Scudere and Newman dominated Brittaney Knapp and Lindsey Burns, 8-3 for No. 2 doubles. Houck and Will overcame Kelly Fuqua and Winfrey Moore, 8-1 at No. 3 doubles.

The women's tennis team will next travel to Grove City on Wednesday, September 12, for a 4 p.m. match.

Weekly Titan honors

Titan athlete of the week

Nick McKolosky has been-named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Sept.3-10.

McKolosky rushed for a career-high 143 yards on 25 carries and-three touchdowns in the Titans' 487 win at Saint Vincent on Saturday, Sept. 8.

McKolosky also led the Titans with four receptions for 43 yards. Including two kick-returns for 31 yards, McKolosky finished the game with 217 all-purpose yards.

McKolosky was Westminster's fi rst freshman to start an entire season at running back since 1995 last year when he led the team in rushing (88 carries, 318 yards).

This year he has a greater role in the offense, as he became the team's first 100-yard rusher since Oct. 15, 2005, when he rushed for143 yards at Saint Vincent last week. The biology major was amember of the Head Coach's Honor Roll last fall (3.0+ gpa).

McKolosky

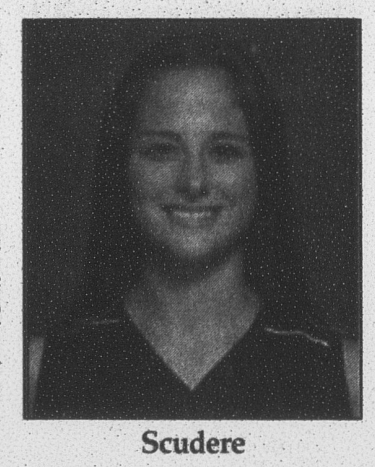
PAC player of the week

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) today named Westminster College sophomore April Scudere as its PAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week.

Scudere (Fowler, Ohio/Brookfield) was a perfect 4-0 for the Titans last week, registering two wins at No. 1 singles and a pair of wins at No. 2 doubles with classmate Hilary Newman (Beaver Falls, Pa./Blackhawk).

Westminster (3-0, 1-0 PAC) posted a 2-0 record last week with an 8-1 win over Frostburg State on Thursday and a 9-0 win over PAC-foe Thomas More on Friday. Scudere, the 2006 PAC champion at No. 4 singles, is 3-0 at both No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles this year.

The Titans will be tested Wednesday when they visit Grove City, the winner of the last 21 PAC team championships, for a 4 p.m. start.



Scudere

Men's soccer breaks even with road win, loss

Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

The school season is now fully in the swing of things. But all these studies don't seem to be holding the Titan's back. Westminster's men's soccer team played two games this past week, coming out victorious in one.

On Wednesday, September 5 the Titans traveled to Pitt Bradford for a non-conference match-up. The Titan's were able to earn their second shutout of the season as they came out victorious with a score of 3-0.

Senior midfielder Garrett Horvath scored just four minutes into the game. Horvath was also able to earn the assist as sophomore forward Brice Lott's was able to put one away after 24 minutes of play. After 51 minutes of play would go by before the Titans gained a three goal lead when freshman forward Aaron Zavora scored his first goal of his college career.

The Titan's win was certainly not one of luck as they were able to outplay Pitt Bradford in every aspect of the game. The Titans were able to out-shoot Pitt-Bradford, 32-4, while two of the 4 Panther shots were on the goal. "We played well against Bradford," states sophomore defender Justin Flowers, "We were patient and kept our composure."

On Saturday, September 8 the Titan's traveled to Pittsburgh for another game of play. This time they would be traveling to CMU for a 7:00 game against the Carnegie Mellon Tartans. The Titan's made the trip down with great anticipation of being able to play under the lights.

The Titans took the field with adrenaline and vigor having high hopes of coming out on top. Although the Titan's fought till the end, they were unable to defeat CMU as the Tartans were able to win with a score of 3-0.

After 19 minutes of play, Carnegie Mellon's Jonathan Hall and Maximilian Betzig were able to score two goals. Hall was able to score another goal in the 33rd minute making the score 3-0 with the Tartans in the lead.

In the second half the Titans came out hard to hold the score at 3-0 and not letting CMU score for the remainder of the game. Westminster freshman goalkeeper Mike Codita made five saves. Westminster wasn't far behind the Tartans as they were able to get of 9 shots compared to that of CMU's 17 shots. Senior forward Andrew Saporito claimed five of Westminster's nine shots.

Unfortunately the Titans were unable to defeat CMU but they plan to look at their mistakes in order to better themselves as a team. "It was a good learning experience," states Saporito, "We will be reviewing game tape this week to see what we need to improve on for Wednesday."

The Titans will certainly have a chance to improve their record as they will be traveling to Lake Erie for a 5:00 game on Wednesday September 12. "I don't know what to expect out of Lake Erie." States Flowers, "We can only prepare to play our game and come out strong."

Lady Titans drop four matches at Wooster College

By Tom Campana
Sports Writer

The Women's volleyball team traveled to Wooster College over the weekend to compete in the annual Kilt Classic tournament.

After last week's 2-2 performance, the Titans were in search of a winning mark going into Fridays match against Muskingum.

The Titans dropped a tough 5 game series and failed to win in the 15-8 tie breaker. The lady titans then dropped a 4 game series to the Wooster Scouts to end their first day of play.

"The weekend didn't turn out the way that we had hoped," senior Jenna Hinks said.

After a 0-2 start, the lady titans continued play on Saturday against Carnegie Mellon. The Titans lost another hard fought 5 game serious with the final match ending up 15-11 in favor of CMU.

"We played four good teams with strong programs, the injuries had some impact on our play, but it is early in the season and we will definitely overcome these obstacles," Hinks said.

With the final game of the tournament and a 0-3 mark the lady titans kept fighting for a win, but were shut out by the Mt. Union purple raiders in a 0-3 loss.

"I feel we didn't play to our ability, but in the same token we have 3 key injuries which when we are 100 percent I believe we will be just fine," senior Hannah Parker said.

Senior Jessica Cooper was named to the all-tournament team Saturday September 8, with 50 plus kills over her two days of play.

Other lady Titan standouts included senior middle hitter Danielle Hogue, junior Reesha Jackson, and sophomore Sam Botzum.

"Well, it was pretty disappointing but we were missing some players and had people playing out of position...so it can really only get better," Hogue said.

The lady titans will open their conference play at home on Tuesday September 11, against the Cougars of Chatham College at 7 p.m.

"...it is early in the season and we will definitely overcome these obstacles."

Mens and women's cross country compete at invite

Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross-country teams placed and competed at the 36th annual California University of PA Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 8. The Titan women placed sixth out of eight teams with 268 points, while the Titan men placed seventh out of eight teams with 252 points.

Sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley finished with a 25th-place time of 22:05.70 in the women's 5-kilometer race, followed by teammates sophomore Amanda Everett and senior Leanna Stitt making the Top 50 with 40th- and 50th-place times of 22:49.20 and 23:31.70, respectively. Grove City finished first in the team standings with 59 points, while Clarion's Erin Richard crossed the finish line first with a time of 18:35.70.

Sophomore Jeremiah Patterson ran the men's 8-kilometer race in 29:35.90 for 20th place overall to lead the Titan men. Junior Andrew Brown, sophomore Nate Hunter and senior Cory Criss all cracked the Top 50 at 41st (31:13.10), 48th (31:58.80) and 50th (32:04.10), respectively. Grove City (46) won the men's standings while Grove City's Garrett Cichowitz completed the course with a meet-best time of 27:36.20.

The men's and women's cross-country teams return to action at Penn State-Behrend on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

Titan Football

One of best records in recent history

The Titans kicked the ball off with 6:32 seconds left in the first and the defense forced a punt with a 3 and out. The Titans came out on offense after the punt and quickly ran 3 plays netting only 7 yards and were forced to punt. Andrew Robison forced and recovered the fumble on the Saint Vincent 2 yard line.

Westminster's drive started with 2:20 left in the quarter and McKolosky scored on a 1 yard run bringing the score to 21-0.

The Titans started the second quarter with the ball on Saint Vincent's 23 yard line. After a 19 yard run by Kevin Franz the Titans handed off to Nick McKolosky for his 3rd rushing touchdown of the game making the score 28-0.

There was very little offense in the second quarter as both defenses went back and forth the next score came on 1st and 10 from the Bearcats own 37 yard line as QB Mike Speal connected with Dan Blaskowski for a 63 yard touchdown pass making the score 28-7.

The score going into halftime was 28-7 Titans.

The second half proved to be much like the first as Westminster came out with an impressive showing on both offense and defense.

First the Titans intercepted a pass on their own 44 and then ran the ball down the field. McKolosky had 44 yards rushing on this drive alone which was capped off by a Josh Kutzner touchdown run giving the Titans a 34-7 lead after a missed extra point. There was no more scoring the rest of the quarter as both teams put together some nice defensive stands.

The fourth quarter started off with a 3 and out by the Bearcats and Westminster gaining possession on the 45 yard line with 13:25 left in the game. The Titans offense picked up right where they left off and continued running the ball well. The drive was capped off with a six yard touchdown pass from Franz to Zeigler making the score 41-7.

Westminster's defense continued its dominance and forced the Bearcats to turn the ball over again and again. The last score of the game came in a 1 yard run by Jacob Shaffer sealing the game at 48-7 Westminster.

This victory makes the Titans 2-0 one of the best starts in recent history. Westminster hosts its first home game next week when they face Geneva at Burry Stadium. Kickoff is at 1:30 as the Titans try to stay undefeated through 3 games.

Sports Fact of the Week

On Aug. 22, 2007 the Texas Rangers set a major league baseball record for single game team scoring by defeating the Baltimore Orioles 30-3. You can bet that more than one Texas player had a good day at the plate The Ranger's travis Metcalf and Marlon Byrd each hit a grand slam whil Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Ramon Vasquez each collected seven RBI.

Calendar

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

10:00 AM Ring Days (Displays and Order Information)(The TUB)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum – Peter Smith, "Seeing the Light: Designing Intensely Phosphorescent Molecules" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

3:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Lake Erie

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Grove City*

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Lake Erie

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, September 13, 2007

1852/Legacy Brunch

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10:00 AM Ring Days (Displays and Order Information)(The TUB)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

Friday, September 14, 2007

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Wooster

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Waynesburg*

4:30 PM SAA Fall Kick-Off (MCC Club Room)

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Capital

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Dr. Deb Mitchell (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Evan Almighty (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Ocean's 13 (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 15, 2007

1852/Legacy Brunch

TBA Men's Cross Country @ Penn State Behrend Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ Penn State Behrend Invitational

10:00 AM VOLLEYBALL v. Oberlin

1:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Penn State-Behrend

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Geneva

1:30 PM Opening Home Football Game vs. Geneva (Burry Stadium)

2:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Muskingum

3:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Penn State-Behrend

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Ocean's 13 (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Evan Almighty (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 16, 2007

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Ocean's 13 (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Evan Almighty (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, September 17, 2007

CITIZENSHIP DAY

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Constitution Day Event (MCC Mueller Theater)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Clarion

5:15 PM PRSSA Picnic (Dr. Prestien's house)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:30 PM Pre-Veterinary Society Meeting (Hoyt 166)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Q&A Sessions with Davevic Benefit Consultants (Times and Locations TBA)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Pitt-Greensburg

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Penn State-Beaver

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

6:30 PM Mock Convention Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

11:40 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Terri Lenox, "What I've Learned from Service Learning" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: the Harry Pottery Phenomenon (Mugsies)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Crossword

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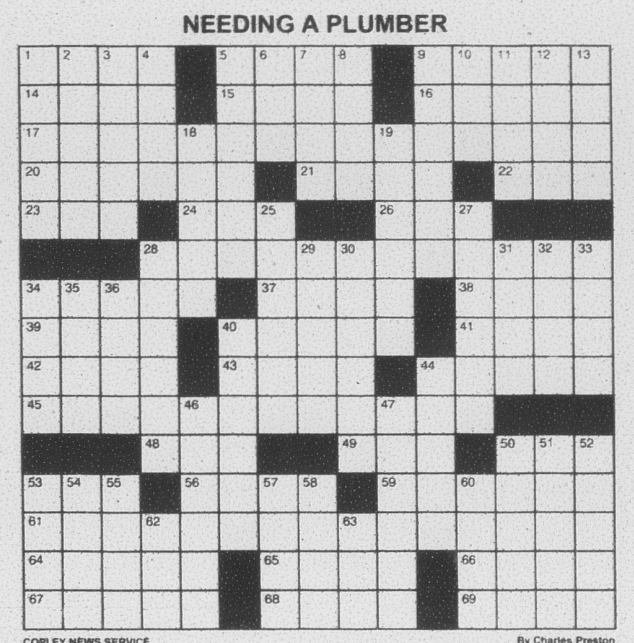

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21- April 19)
Ask plenty of questions about an investment or insurance issue. You will recognize the perfect answer or correct information when you hear it.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Allow a close personal relationship to lift you to a higher plane. Relax and enjoy moments of happiness and shared bliss with a special partner.

GEMENI (May 21 - June 21)
Pay attention to detail and avoid making costly mistakes in your work. Think of your time as money that should be spent in the most productive or profitable manner.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Steer clear of offering outlandish promises to a loved one that you cannot possibly keep. Make a lasting impression with candor and speak the truth.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
The emphasis is on home and family this week. Be willing to talk about your feelings or concerns and take steps to keep the peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
Do not jump to conclusions or accept information without proper proof. Get the facts straight before spreading gossip among your siblings or peers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
A long-term financial goal demands your attention. Make adjustments and outline the specifics of what you would like to accomplish in writing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov.21):
Let patience be your key word this week. Reach down deep, look inside, reconnect and identify with that calm, quiet center found within.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Take steps to clear up a misunderstanding that can be quickly and easily explained. Put aside your ego and offer a complete and honest confession.

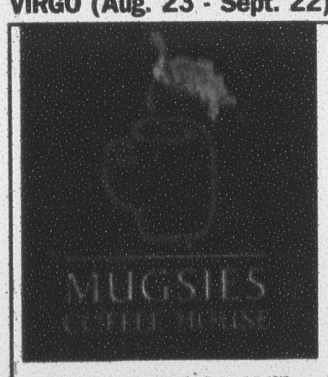
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Activities involving friends can be mentally and physically draining this week. Strive to find a balance and reserve some quiet time to spend alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Deals in finance or business are highly favored and charted for success. Take advantage of a unique opportunity to make a splash in the professional arena.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Lead the charge for justice with a smile. Speak out on a philosophical issue or political policy that you are strongly against or strongly support.

If your birthday is this week,
Several different forms of communication are at your disposal during the coming year. Look into ways in which you can improve or streamline the way that you gather, process and distribute pertinent information. Avoid arguments or conflicts with friends or loved ones over financial concerns. Find a common ground for working together to achieve your shared fiscal goals and dreams.

Also born this week:
Shaggy, Pele, Monica, Mahalia Jackson and Jonas Salk.



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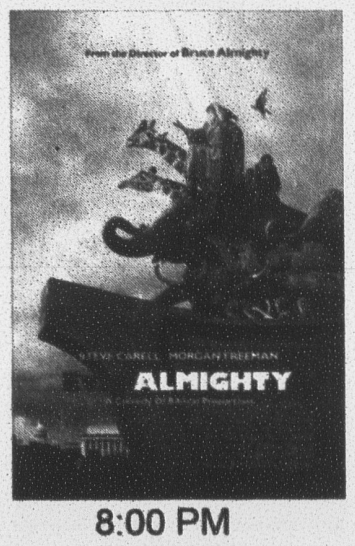

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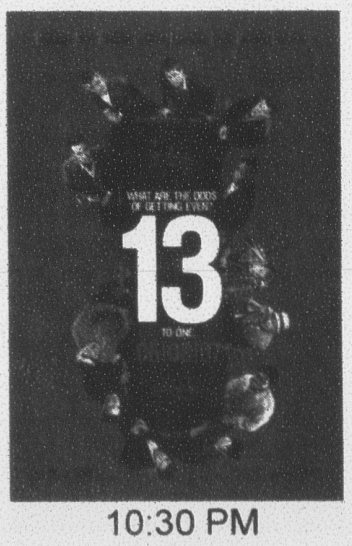
Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Ocean's Thirteen"



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Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Movies provided by Club Room
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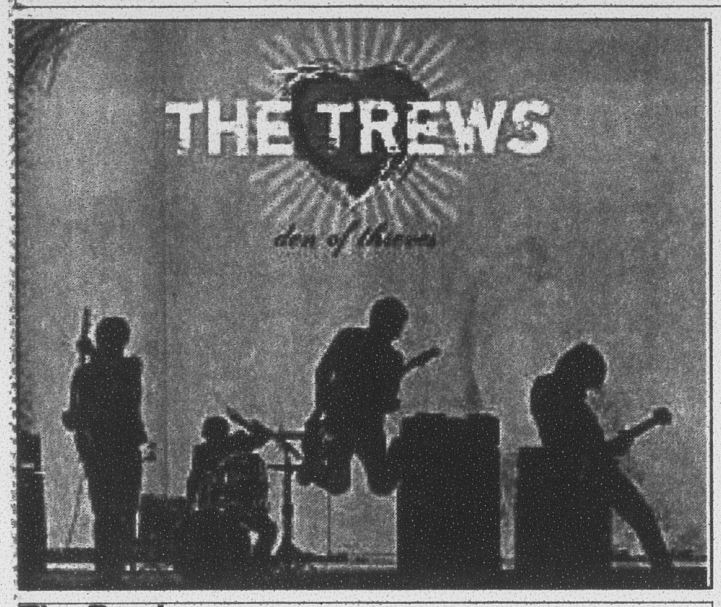
Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

Nineties alternative-rock in the new millennium

The Trews - *Den of Thieves*, Epic Records



The Band
Colin McDonald: Vocals, Rhythm guitar, Keys
John Angus: Lead & Rhythm guitars, Harmonium
Jack Syperek: Bass, Harmonium, BGV's
Sean Dalton: Drums, Percussion, BGV's
Origin: Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Every year, only a few signed bands play at the college. More than not, all of them play at Volleyrock.

When I heard that The Trews, a band signed to the major label Epic Records, was actually playing at the college, I was excited.

The Trews are from Canada; the same country that is home to both Sum 41 and Avril Lavigne. But more importantly, Canada is home to one of the bands that got me into rock and roll, Our Lady Peace.

Knowing that Canada can put out this type of diversity, I did not know what to expect. But once the first note rang out on *Den of Thieves*, I knew what I was getting into.

This first track is an aggressive, radio-ready song complete with raucous drums, dueling guitars and catchy vocals and is a great way to start off the album. Colin MacDonald's voice rings out with authority as he sings "Fire up ahead,fire up ahead, air raid, skies red."

The record them moves on to the classic-rock influenced "Makin' Sunshine," a bright, classy song that brings forth imagery of lemonade and baseball, two things that define summertime.

However, my favorite song on the record, "Poor Ol' Broken Hearted Me," is a track that features a cowbell (I do have a fever, you know...,) three part harmony, and some southern flavor. Other standout tracks include "Sweetness," "Naked," and the CMT-ready, "Cry."

But despite a few good tracks, the record is not for me. Not that it is a *bad* record, it is just not my style. I think that late-90's alternative rock went out, well, in the nineties.

However, many people follow bands like Live and The Verve Pipe, which are still being played on many rock stations throughout the country. I think that this band is definitely talented, but I think that the record needs some diversity.

First, 15 songs is way too many for one record. No matter who the band is, a fifteen-song record is going to get boring after awhile. Many of the songs start to blend together and the listener starts to lose appreciation for each one.

However, being a part of a major label also means that a band's record will have to be 13 plus-songs. For some reason major labels push long records.

Secondly, I think their music style is dead. Modern alternative rock bands like Our Lady Peace, Incubus, and the Clarks are able to draw from both older and newer influences (actually, Our Lady Peace has been around since the 90's, but I still like them better than The Trews.) All are polished rock bands, able to carry out their music with poise and stability.

All in all, *Den of Thieves* is just not for me. If The Trews were able to polish off their sound, the record would be worlds better. But what can I say? Sometimes the Trews hurt!

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to LOST and the Office, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Sounds like: Live, Three Doors Down, The Clarks **Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆**

McLaughlin breathes new life into piano rock

Jon McLaughlin - *Indiana*, Island Records

By Ben Portz
A&E staff

It's about time that the music world finally has a "Ben Folds" with better songs and a better voice. Jon McLaughlin's debut album, *Indiana* is filled with catchy lyrics and driven by a powerful piano sound.

His piano skills are definitely right on par with Billy Joel or Elton John. This would make complete sense seeing that these two artists are some of his biggest influences. His voice is extremely easy to listen to, and almost has a very similar sound to Nick Lachey from 98 Degrees.

Jon's life is almost one right out of a book. During high school, he broke both wrists in an accident which disrupted his musical expression, but that didn't stop him. He than attended a small school called Anderson University in Indiana where he majored in music.

Every year, Anderson University holds a music competition, in which four or five artists play for the student body, and the students vote for who they like the most. The winner of this competition gets signed onto the independent label of the school.

Fortunately for Jon, he ended up winning and was signed onto Orangehaus Records. After doing many small shows in the midwest, in 2006 he was signed onto a major label, Island Records. This obviously helped Jon's career immensely.

On this album, it is easy to tell that Jon McLaughlin is a well accomplished piano player. He displays techniques of classical, jazz, and rock keyboard skills. You can tell that he takes full advantage of the entire piano.

Although the piano intros become more and more redundant, he still showcases his talent. Jon really tries to make each song on the album different from the others.

The first track, "Industry," begins with an easy listening type solo piano intro, than emerges into a heavier piano rock sound. As you listen to his lyrics, one will notice that many of his songs are spiritual and inspirational. Although he is not on a christian record label, he still manages to express his beliefs.

His first single off the record, entitled "Beautiful Disaster" has beautiful power chords and a catchy melody. I would assume that more girls than guys would relate to this song.

Jon was inspired to write this song after seeing numerous covers of magazines that have pictures of girls who just are never content with how they look. The chorus goes, "She would change everything, everything, just ask her. Caught in the in-between a beautiful disaster."

I suppose this song has the same title of a Kelly Clarkson song, the only difference is, Jon's song actually means something, and is heartfelt. The opposite of Miss Clarkson's "Beautiful Disaster" which she sang just to bring in another obnoxiously large pay check.

To cap off this record, Jon decided to write a mellow song entitled "Indiana", obviously dedicated to his home state. The lyrics in this song so good that he makes you almost want to live there.

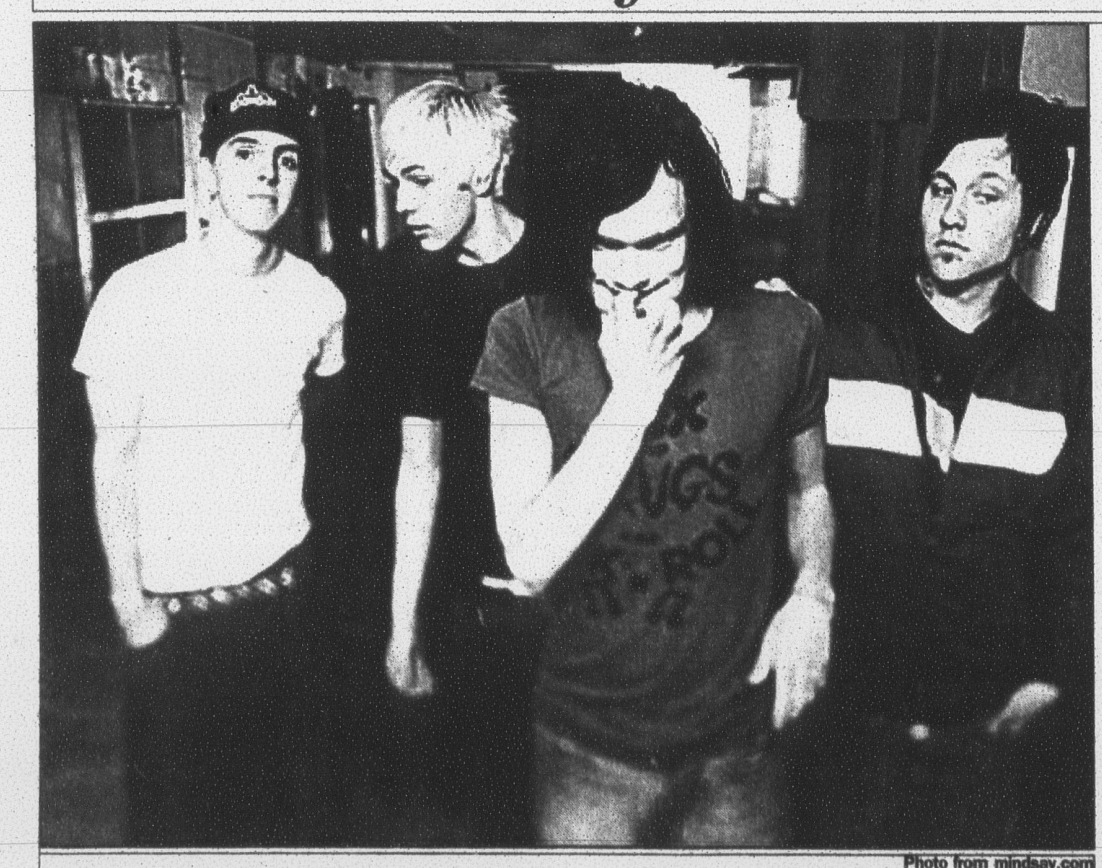
Not only is it about Indiana, but it's a song of hope and the numerous opportunities that could happen to us in our lives. I'm assuming it's his version of Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind", but instead of a saxophone he uses a cello to accompany the piano line.

Overall, this album is great for those who love lyrics to relate to and a musicianship that incorporates jazz, pop, and rock. The pop industry has been longing for a new male rock pianist. Alicia Keys and Vanessa Carlton are great, but we needed a change.

Sounds like: Billy Joel, Elton John **Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆** **Origin: Anderson, Indiana**

Sounds better the second time around

The Used - *Lies for the Liars*, Reprise



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The Band
Bert McCracken: Vocals
Quinn Allman: Guitar
Jeph Howard: Bass
Dan Whitesides: Drums
Origin: Orem, Utah

By Max Muska
A&E writer

Sometimes when an album comes out I listen once and hate it. Then, after listening again, it grows on me and becomes one of my favorites.

Lies for the Liars, the new CD by rock band The Used, is such an album. I discovered that I should not judge a band's new material on how much it sounds like their older efforts.

The album opens with a song reminiscent of their past hits. "The Ripper" is heavy and upbeat with a catchy sing-a-long chorus.

The song's ending, for some reason, sounds like a skipping record. Bert's vocal track skips for a few seconds before finishing the last note of the song. There are many other awkward sounds toward the ends of other songs, which was one thing that initially bothered me about the record.

This song made me think that the songs to follow would be similar. The first track often sets the mood for the rest of the album.

I was surprised to hear only one other similar song, which happens to be my favorite. "Earthquake" opens with a nice, emotional guitar riff, which is coupled with lyrics that speak of lost love and the attempt to reclaim it. Although the verses already had enough depth, the chorus adds a higher level of strength to the song.

At first, I was turned off by how different the other songs are from all of the band's previous work. There is much less punk and a lot more straightforward rock. Fans of The Used's self-titled debut album will likely have to listen a few times, as I did, before getting into this record.

The album's second song, "Very Handsome Awkward," definitely caught me off-guard. The lyrics do not have much meaning to them. "You bleed just like you puke while running a mile" is a repeated phrase throughout the verses, and it is also hard to draw any sort of meaning from the chorus, which includes the song's title.

These seemingly meaningless lyrics, partnered with the basic guitar work and simple drum beat, made this my least favorite song, although I have grown to like the simplicity of the song.

"The Worm and the Bird" is musically different from anything the band has done in the past, featuring a prominent string section playing a catchy, repetitive melody. The lyrics are philosophical in much the same way as the lyrics in "Poetic Tragedy" from the debut album. The chorus compares the terror of being chased by enemies to that of a worm crawling away from a bird.

None of the members of the band ever show off on this album. There are no guitar or drum solos. Early on, I was not impressed because of the simplicity of many of the parts. After a few listens, I discovered that the way the band plays together sounds so good that solos and complex parts would have detracted from the overall sound of the album.

There are many other notable songs and parts on the album. Much of the remainder of the album consists of many catchy, sometimes jazz-influenced guitar parts and more emotional and clever lyrics.

For being an album that I initially hated, *Lies for the Liars* has turned out to be one of my favorite albums of the year. I still like the first album by The Used better than this one, but I appreciate the fact that this band did not want to record the same album all over again.

Sounds like: Taking Back Sunday, Jonzetta
Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Arts & Entertainment

The Trews played to a crowd of about 100 Saturday evening in Orr. Check out A&E Editor Chris Lehberger's review of the Trews' current album, Den of Thieves, on B-4 (opposite page).

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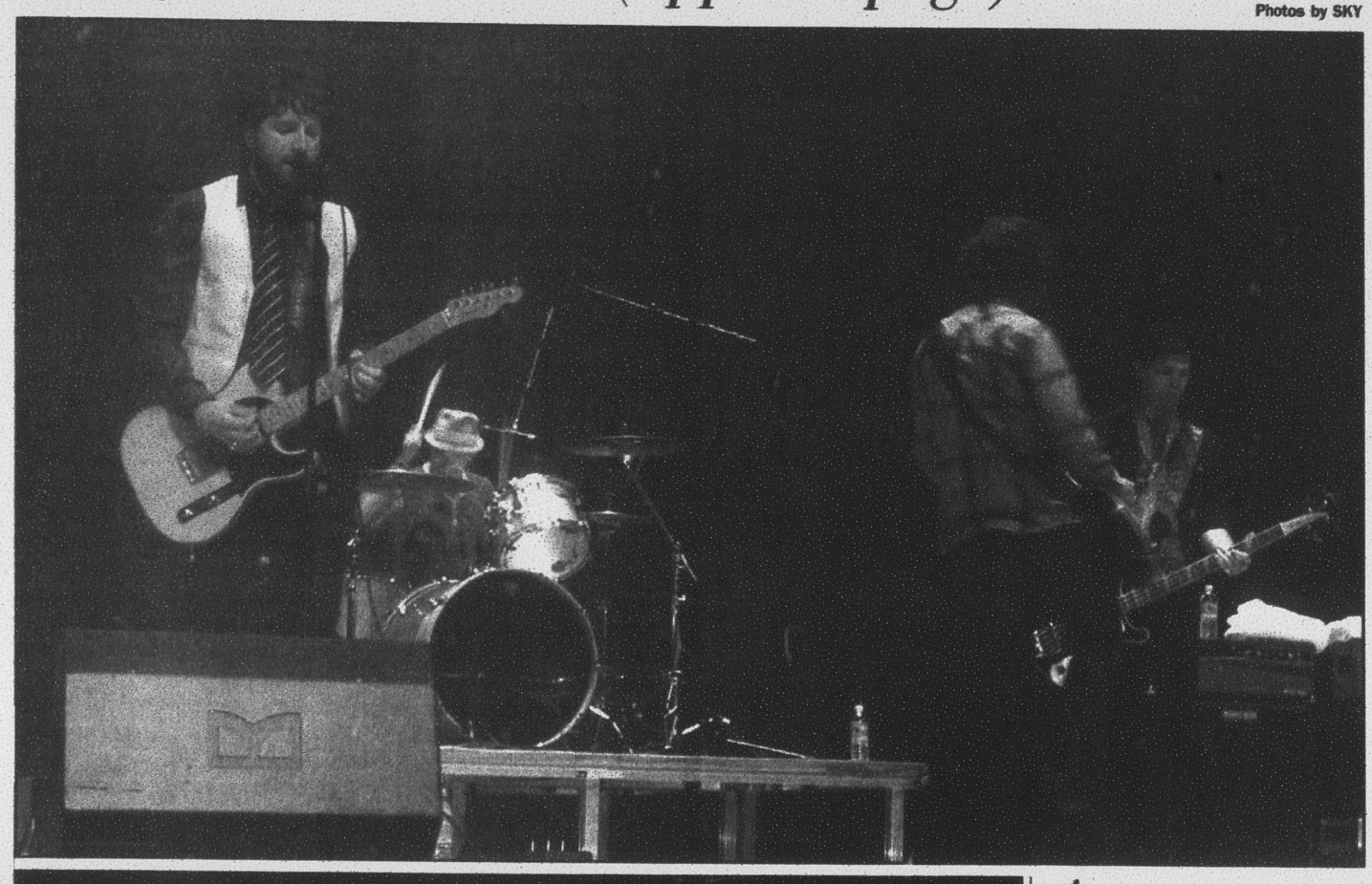
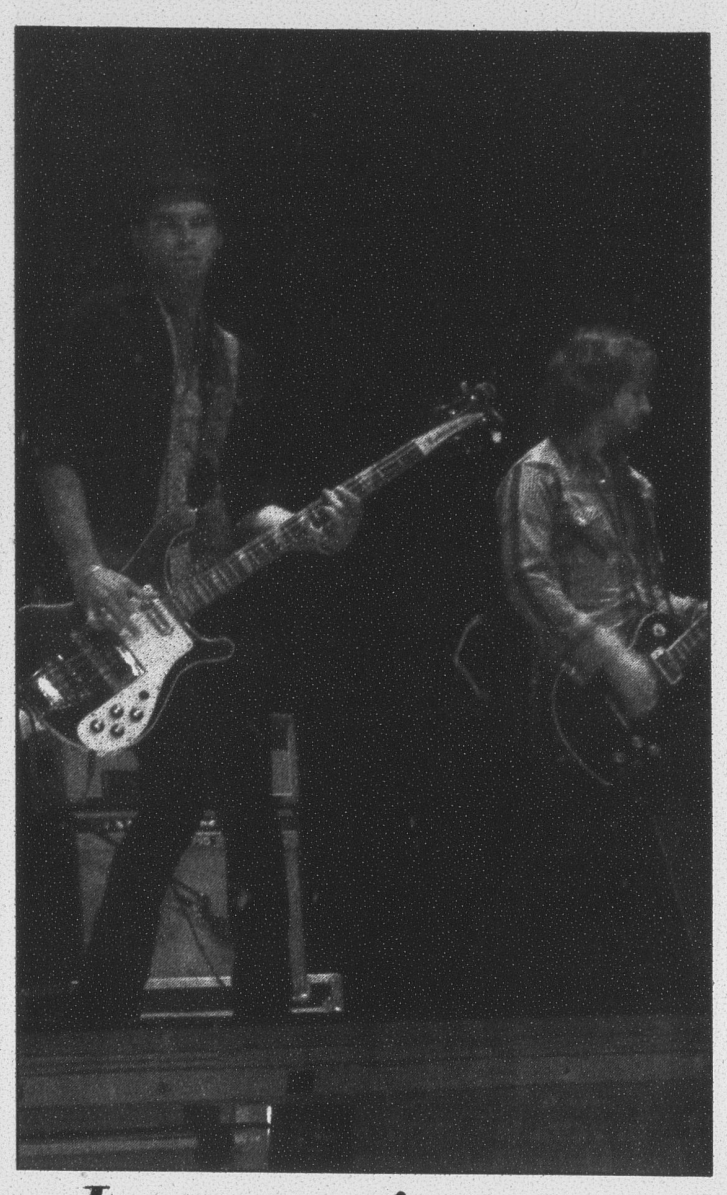




Anonymous Lawyer gives humorous insight into practice

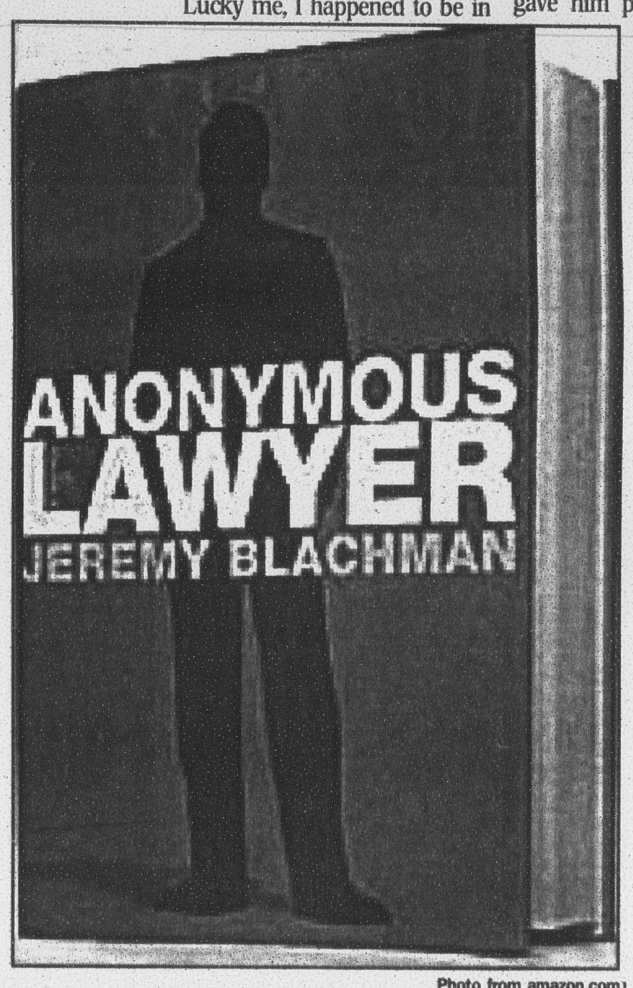
By Danielle McCullough
A&E staff

This summer I read one of the funniest books of my life! It is definitely a must read for everyone!

Anonymous Lawyer by Jeremy Blachman will keep you on your toes with suspense and laughter. Blachman is not a practicing lawyer in real life but his blog-like style novel puts the reading into the mind set of one.

He does not use a lot of legal jargon so it can be easily read by anyone. Once you read the book you can continue reading Blachman through his online blog.

His random rants throughout the novel were my favorite parts. In the first entry he goes on about how people should keep to their offices and to stop taking what is his. "My Secretary. MY CANDY."



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Another random rant is about things he hates such as "kettle corn. It's deceptive you expect salty and get sweet. I hate that!" and I must agree with him.

Of course the Anonymous Lawyer gets put in charge of the summer interns. To encourage interns to be loyal to the firm or to see how being a lawyer can be applied to other things in their lives he shows them clips from movies, one such clip was from the movie Rent.

"I showed a clip from *Rent* to illustrate that while there are indeed 525,600 minutes in a year, the important thing is that every one of those minutes is potentially billable to a client."

Lucky me, I happened to be in public while reading this part. I was laughing so hard people came up and asked what was so funny, I read the passages out loud and they were all laughing along with me.

I learned how people can perceive someone else, especially someone who is always asking for more. One of the summers "the suck up" is always coming up and asking for more work to do.

Getting sick of this Anonymous Lawyer comes up with a plan to get rid of him for awhile, he sends him to go meet clients but once he lands tell him the client canceled the meeting. There was no client to go meet in the first place but it gave him peace and quiet for a day.

Not only does he talk about his work, but he includes things about his family; he hates his wife and thinks she's really dumb and she spends his money on worthless things, his daughter and son aren't that bright and are taking after their mother.

But his niece is his pride and joy; he's in constant contact with her writing e-mails back and forth before she heads off to Yale Law.

He includes "Tad" bits of how his arch nemesis "The Jerk" affects his work, how it pushes him to do better to try to beat him to being head of the firm.

Towards the end of the novel "the bombshell" and Anonymous Lawyer go after "the Jerk" to try get him kicked out of the firm. I don't want to ruin the end for you so I will not disclose if it worked or not.

This novel shows the insight of what it is like for interns and lawyers at big firms. The items he reveals are the things you couldn't find anywhere else. Especially the random things he bills his clients for, such as the time he takes to write in his blog.

Danielle's Rating:
★★★★★

High school hijinks give super laughs in *Superbad*

By Erik Chesney
A&E staff

The Cast
Jonah Hill: Seth
Michael Cera: Evan
Christopher Mintz-Plasse: Fogell
Bill Hader: Officer Slater
Seth Rogan: Officer Michaels

Like: 40 Year Old Virgin, Knocked Up Erik's Rating: ★★★★★

In *Superbad*, Jonah Hill and Michael Cera play Seth and Evan, two nerdy friends who embark on a hilarious journey trying to score alcohol for a party and lose their virginity before leaving for college.

Directed by the relatively unknown Greg Mottola, this film is the third film made by Judd Apatow and the same group that wrote and produced *The 40 Year Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up*.

Like those other films it has the great writing, casting, and funny scenes that have made them so popular. Superbad raises the bar even higher for crude sex-centered humor and vulgarity.

Seth and Evan, who are actually named for writers and co-stars Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg, get an invitation to an end of the year party but accidentally promise to bring the alcohol. Their squeaky voiced friend Fogell, played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse, conveniently gets a fake ID with the super suave handle "McLovin."

He succeeds in getting the alcohol at the liquor store, but things take a turn for the worse when he gets assaulted by a robber. Two immature police officers played by *Saturday Night Live*'s Bill Hader and writer Seth Rogan take McLovin on a wild drunken chase after the criminal.

Meanwhile, Seth and Evan see Fogell get picked up by the police and assume the worst. Then Seth is hit by a car in the parking lot of the liquor store. The creepy driver admits he has a record and will lose his license if they report him, so he promises to get them booze for their party.

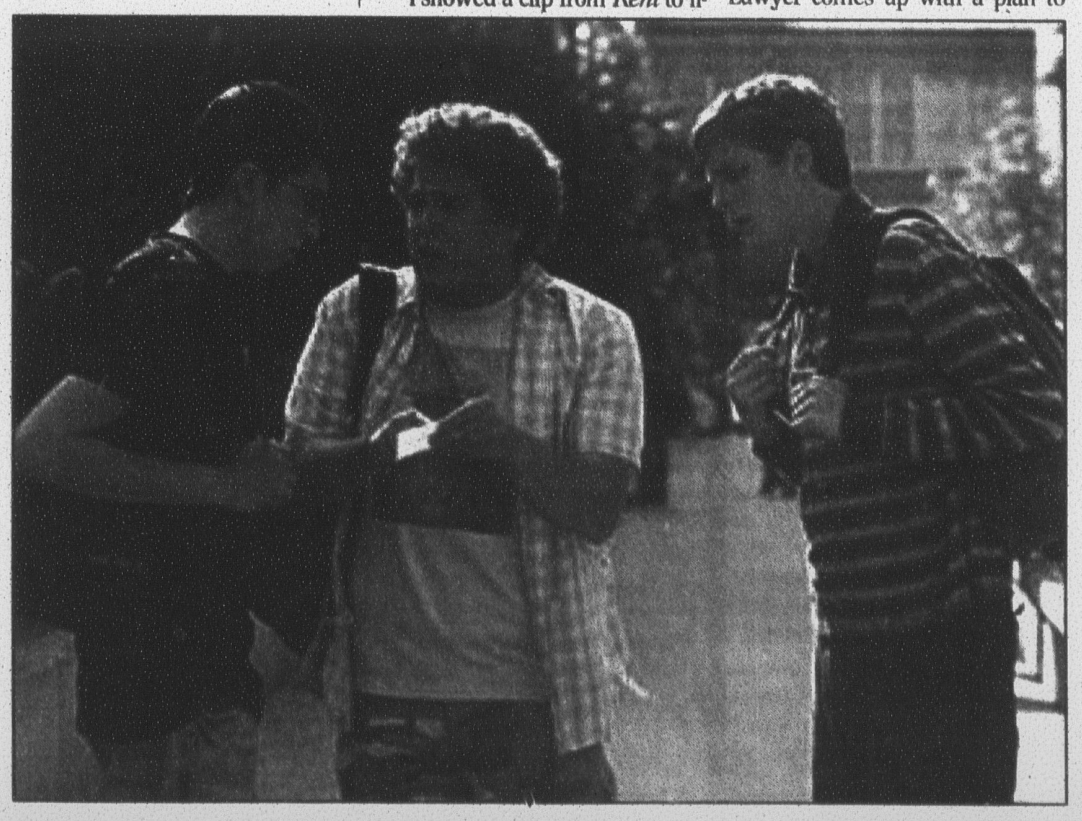
They get taken to a house party where they awkwardly try to mingle, but the driver doesn't help them out like he promised. While Seth and Evan try to escape from the party with some alcohol, Fogell is off joyriding with the cops who come to respect him after he helps them catch a drunk in a bar.

Eventually, they make it to the party, which has a kind of clichéd ending where the boys find that drinking and having sex with drunk girls isn't what they expected.

Although *Superbad* had a pretty typical plot, the superb writing and acting make it great. Jonah Hill gives a good performance as the loudmouthed but insecure Seth, and Michael Cera excels as the shy, deadpan character he played as George Michael Bluth in the acclaimed Fox series *Arrested Development*.

Christopher Mintz-Plasse pulls off a great debut performance as Fogell, whose geekiness is somewhat overshadowed by his quirky confidence. As the police officers Rogen and Hader have great chemistry with Mintz-Plasse, and their scenes are some of the funniest.

This film was definitely a dynamite combination of good writing, casting, and acting that I have come to expect from these filmmakers.



WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

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Features

How far have you come?

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

What if? This is a question that plays games with most of our minds at one time or another. What if he likes me? What if I get caught? What if they get mad? What if I die tomorrow?

As young adults, we think we are invincible. I know my parents have told me this hundreds of times and although it pains me slightly to admit that they are right, it is what a lot of us think.

I am not here to preach to you about life decisions or how you should not do certain unsafe things. However, I do pose this question: How will people remember you when your life is over, regardless if it is tomorrow or 80 years from now?

Last year over Easter break, a kid I knew in high school was accidentally shot to death. He was affectionately called Brick by all that knew him and he was the heart of his graduating class, the one with which he never got to march. He was a vibrant soul and made everyone smile. I can still see him laughing, making everyone's day around him better. This Friday should have been his birthday.

A few years ago, my Pappy died from small cell lung cancer. He was one of my closest friends. He understood me. Pappy was the guy that if he knew you and you happened to be behind him at the restaurant, he would pay your bill before you ever knew what happened. He never lacked in his generosity. Even in his last months of life he was sending out checks to help people buy Thanksgiving and Easter dinners who could not afford them.

Both of these friends where everyday people living their lives. They were not doing anything out of the ordinary for themselves, but it is how people remember them. The way they acted on an everyday basis reflected who they were, where they had been, and who they wanted to be. This is how people remembered them.

What we do everyday matters. Who we are everyday matters. The common thought line for people is that it does not matter what we do today. If we mess up we will fix it tomorrow. We think we will change someday or who cares how I act . The fact of the matter is, however, you are making direct impressions on people today. Once today is over, you cannot go back and change it. Today is the day to do it right the first time.

Matchbox Twenty has a recent hit, "How Far We've Come," that states:

"Waking up at the start of the end of the world,
But its feeling just like every morning before,
Now I wonder what my life is going to mean if its gone,
The cars are moving like a half a mile an hour if that
I started staring at the passengers waving goodbye
Can you tell me what was ever really special about me all this time
But I believe the world is burning to the ground
Oh well I guess we're gonna find out
Let's see how far we've come
Let's see how far we've come
Well I, believe, its all, coming to an end
Oh well, I guess, we're gonna pretend,
Let's see how far we've come
Let's see how far we've come"

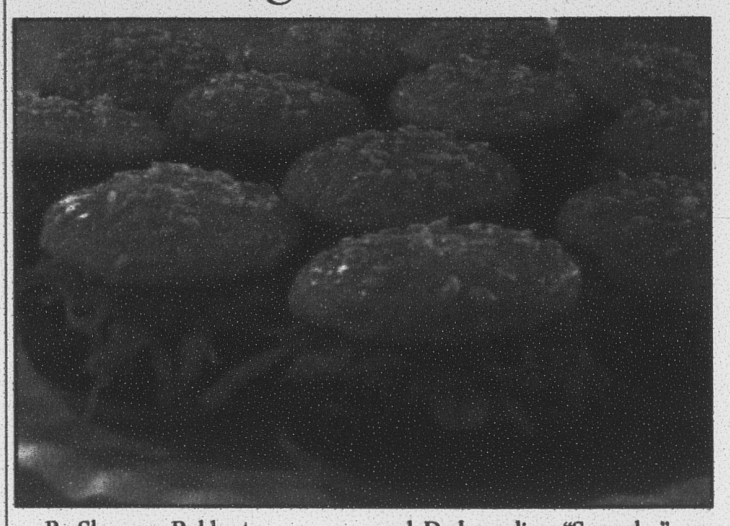
Today is the beginning of the end. When the end happens is not the important part. The fact that there will be an end is what matters. When that happens, people will be remembering you. The question is how will they do so. Will you be the person who loved, hated, cheated, cared, smiled, glowed, helped?

What you do today does matter. Start living that way. Let your ending, the way people remember you, how far you came, be the way you want it to be.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

A sweet treat that is easy for home or the dorm

Hamburger cookies



By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

First semester surprises are always the worst. They will catch you off guard and leave you gaping at the source of the shock, transfixed in the absolute horror of the moment.

During the summer months when we least worry about scholastic problems, our driving isn't as hurried and our printers never fail.

After a summer of few technical problems, we return as unsuspecting students, forgetting that there are vehicles on the road that never hit 15 miles per hour, and about that nagging suspicion that computers have an automatic shutdown sensor (you know, the one which realizes when you're doing something important and then shuts down the entire system).

Now, you need to print out that first essay for class and your printer is out of ink. Go figure.

Your first week of school you find yourself in the midst of construction and blocked out of the parking lot–SURPRISE! It's like waking up with an inexplicable urge to eat pancakes and discover that little creeping critters have had a similar idea.

The shock of finding pests crawling in your pancake mix (especially if you don't notice them until after you've begun eating) can rival the horror of realizing your assignment is supposed to be several pages longer than you anticipated when you decided to procrastinate last week.

But enough about the pancake mix; this column is actually supposed to make you hungry, not nauseous.

College has its pleasant surprises too, however. Coming into a clean dorm room, which will probably be covered in crumpled papers and overflowing dirty laundry baskets during finals week is a fairly satisfying way to start a new semester.

Escaping your parents for a little while is also refreshing (we love them, but a little breathing room is nice sometimes). Meeting an array of fully-prepared food in the cafeteria is always enjoyable.

So is getting that first package from home–even if it's just Mom and Dad sending "Snuggles" under a handful of packing pellets and reminding you, in a lengthy letter, how lonely he was at home without you.

So take an opportunity to pleasantly surprise someone with a few hamburgers. This week's recipe takes no skillet, no buns, and no meat, and it's as straightforward as a Drive-Thru. Have an indoor barbeque with some hamburger cookies.

They're perfect for vegetarians.

Hamburger Cookies:

Difficulty Level: Surprisingly Simple

You will need:

1 small tub of vanilla icing

1 box vanilla wafers

1 small bag coconut

1 package chocolate covered round mint cookies or patties (a package of about 20 works great)

Honey

Sesame seed

Green food coloring

Take a small plastic sandwich baggie or sealable container and dump in some coconut. Put in a couple drops of green food coloring and shake. This will be your "lettuce."

Take a vanilla wafer and spread some frosting on the flat side, as you would spread mayonnaise on the flat side of a bun. Sprinkle some of your coconut "lettuce" on top of that.

Then, add your "meat"–the mint patty. Spread some more frosting on the flat side of a second vanilla wafer, and stick it to the mint.

Nuke the honey for a couple seconds to thin it out, then brush a little on the top of your hamburger. Sprinkle some sesame seeds on top of the honey to make it look like the real deal.

Makes 20 cookies and feeds about a classroom of students.

Average cost: $4.50 for 20 cookies

Helpful Tip: Save extra packets of condiments such as honey from your fast-food dinners. That way, when you need a very small amount for projects like this one, it is one less item to buy and store in your dorm.

Students without borders

Thrilling Cities: Trastevere

By Andrew Kubincanek
Features Writer

Flying into Rome was like flying into Orlando, Florida. From my middle row aisle seat, I could see the Asian family on my right side, the vacationing elderly couple to my left, and out that window was the familiar airy heat billowing over a rushing freeway.

The only thing that told me I wasn't in Florida anymore was the sudden view of vine-draped Tuscan villas materializing just before that of pavement and Air Canada airplanes

The flight in was an uneventful. one. The Americans call it Leonardo Da Vinci, the pilot and the Italians call it Fiumicino and the airport simply calls itself Aeropuerto di Roma.

Given the obvious potential I was looking forward to a fantastic adventure of getting lost and scared in F/LDV/ADR only to discover that every sign was printed twice, once in Italian and the other sign in English.

The Asian people seemed to be the most confused and the baggage claim took a while but the passport process was barely in existence.. I didn't have to reveal any of my weapons and fight my way out of customs either.

I met with Tom, one of the 3 CEA coordinators and was coupled with several other students on a bus with Roberto – bus driver and self-proclaimed 'bad man' that keeps the police busy so they don't bother us. Driving down narrow cobblestone streets between ancient walls, Rome began to feel like Rome.

Roberto dropped a few of us off at Piazza Ottovilla in South-Western Rome where Anna, another program coordinator met us on her scooter and gave the official tour. The apartment has 4 bedrooms (1 single which I gobbled up) a kitchen, a living room, 2 full bathrooms and a porch overlooking the courtyard.

My first purchase in Rome was a beer; a Peroni. I recommend it. It's akin to a Corona but without the distinct need for a lime. I found said beverage at the simply named "Bar". More specifically it's called Bar 16. Such establishments exist all over the city and function more like small pizzerias, with, aptly, a loaded liquor and coffee bar.

Above, Andrew Kubincanek in an ancient park near Ottovilla. Below, Piazza Trulissa.

Contributed photos

Monteverde Vecchio, where I live, is well outfitted with anything one might need for 4 months. Between Bar 16, Piccolo Gelato and SuperPizza across the street, there is plenty of food in easy access.

There are 2 large supermarkets down the hill, the simple SuperMercato and the alluring, yet moderately inadequate, Sma. I've found several restaurants nearby; the phenomenal Pietra Sheiggiata and my least favorite Al Pao – a restauarant with an English language menu and waiters that don't speak English. Further up or down, the streets are dotted with bars, gelato joints, fruit markets, stores, a laundromat and a winery I've yet to try.

About a 20 minute walk north is Trastevere: a navigable maze of shops, restaurants, bars, pubs, churches and piazzas twisting along narrow cobblestone alleys, packed with scoters, motorcycles, lively Romans and students with only the occasional tourist.

The myriad cafes and bars are more than perfect for a quick cup of heavenly coffee or a pizza sandwich. Some alleys are lined with outdoor seating and though the food is good, my experience thus far is that portions are small but prices are not.

The lovely Piazzas flood with Roman youth at sunset and the atmosphere explodes into something akin to a bustling festival.

Although most advisors might not agree, the best advice I can offer is to travel in as small of a group as possible or alone. The massive conspicuously dressed, loud, English-speaking amoeba does nothing to further one's cultural experience and certainly does not ingratiate you to the locals.

Now granted, some prefer safety in numbers. I prefer safety in not being noticed in the first place. In this way I've gotten along decidedly better with the locals and familiarized myself with Trastevere to the point where even if I try to get lost, I can't. My proudest moment was when an old man mistook me for a Roman at the bus stop.

Downtown Rome, especially the eastern sides are somewhat of a tourist Disneyland, replete with hot dog, pizza, gelato and beer stands guarded by men in roman army Halloween costumes that sort of look like the Hiller. The Western fringes still seem maintain a bit of character however. I'll comment further when I've experienced more of them.

Da Roma, Con Amore .

Meet S.W.A.T. with Gene Cunningham

By Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

S.W.A.T. is all over our campus. Literally, this group of students travel up and down our campus giving hundreds of tours a year, a crucial part of the college's recruitment program to attract new students, the organization has been on campus since 1988. This week, I pulled Gene Cunningham, senior S.W.A.T president, aside for a quick Q&A session. The following is what he had to say about the group.

Q. What is S.W.A.T.?

A. It stands for Student Westminster Admissions Team. S.W.A.T. allows current students to volunteer their time to provide prospective students with their views of Westminster.

Q. What does S.W.A.T. offer the campus?

A. S.W.A.T. assists the Admissions office in providing tours of the campus, greeting prospective students and their families, and helping to run special events such as Campus Visitation Days, Spring Flings, and overnight visits.

Q. Approximately how many tours does S.W.A.T. do in a year?

A. Over 1,100 students took tours last year! This does not include the friends and family of visiting students, so S.W.A.T. members show the highlights of Westminster to many people.

Q. What are some of the responsibilities S.W.A.T. and its members have?

A. Being a tour guide is a large responsibility, mostly because it's up to the SWAT member to ensure the prospective students and their families have a helpful and memorable experience. S.W.A.T. members need to know factual information about the college, provide their own stories and experiences, and have a great time will doing it!

Q. What are some goals S.W.A.T. has for the year?

A. Our goals are to increase the amount of interested prospective students, remain a good group of representatives for Westminster, and ultimately to help Admissions raise next year's enrollment to 350-370 new students.

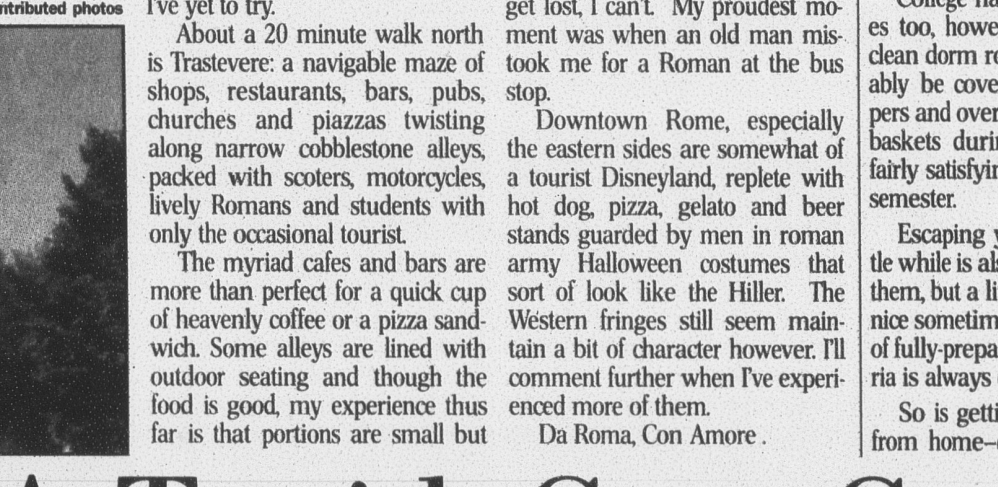
Q. How can you join S.W.A.T.?

A. Students who wish to become members of SWAT need to have a 2.5 GPA or higher at the time of application. If this requirement is met, the student then submits an application to the admissions staff. The last step is to be interviewed by the admissions staff.

Q. What is your favorite SWAT memory?

A. My favorite memories are when I see the prospective students that I gave tours to actually become first year Westminster students!

Want your group to be featured in the Q&A section? Email mcdonala@westminster.edu!



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Members of SWAT take a moment out from training last Sunday.

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Number of days Maple St has been under construction (and counting)

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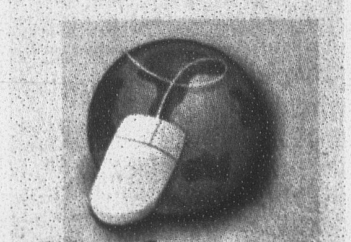

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Runaway bus narrowly misses McGill library, collides with car

By Joel Montgomery
Campus Writer

New Wilmington police were called to investigate a runaway bus that collided with another vehicle and nearly hit the McGill Library.

On Friday, Sept. 14, a driverless 13-passenger Ford bus from the Shenango Presbyterian Senior Care home coasted downhill across the care home's grounds, through Waugh Avenue and into Market Street, where it collided with a beige Toyota Camry before jumping the curb.

It crossed two sidewalks and coasted to a stop on campus grounds approximately five feet from the south wall of the McGill Memorial Library building. Officers from the New Wilmington Police Department and Campus Security reported to the scene of the accident to divert traffic and investigate.

"It was just before classes began," Site Supervisor William Brandt said.

"Luckily, the bus was unattended and, other than the damage to the bus and the car, no one was injured."

The car belonged to Linda L. Whitling, who was on campus to visit her daughter, senior Amy Whitling. "I wasn't with her, but she called me right after it happened. She was actually amused by the whole thing," Amy said. "They said the bus must have just kicked into gear!"

Investigation determined that the ignition on the bus was turned off, the key had been removed and the shifter was in the parked position, but the emergency break on the vehicle had not been engaged at the time of the accident. Police found the shifter mechanism on the bus to be malfunctioning, which allowed the key to be removed while the vehicle was not locked in park.

New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo cautions drivers on campus that the emergency brake on a vehicle is not just for emergencies, but that the state vehicle code requires that cars be secured by setting the emergency brake when parked.

"If everybody would do that, which very few people do, we wouldn't have this," Piccirillo said. "While these are not everyday occurrences, they are happening too often, and it's a simple solution. You, as the person who parked that vehicle, are responsible for it."

This is the third accident of this type that Piccirillo has investigated, including one other incident that occurred on campus where a young man was injured and approximately six cars were damaged due to the emergency brake not being engaged on a parked car.

Employees from the Shenango Presbyterian Senior Care facility were unavailable to comment on the incident.

Photo by Ben Jarrett

Habitat for Humanity serves the community

The campus' chapter of Habitat for Humanity participated in a work day on Saturday, Sept. 15. Above: members of the organization before leaving for the trip.

What makes our campus different?

Washington & Jefferson College has allowed students to have pets

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

College administration has explained numerous times that ours is an institution in which its students succeed and thrive as students. What if we were given the opportunities to grow as adults, too?

Many similar colleges around western Pennsylvania offer students the chance to take on adult responsibilities. For example, Washington & Jefferson College, located in Washington, Penn., allows its students to have pets on campus in one residence hall.

According to the W&J Pet House Manual, "Washington & Jefferson College is unique in allowing resident students to have pets on campus. The future of the pet privilege rests on the successful administration of the policy and the willingness of students to abide by, and enforce, the policy."

This new program offered by W&J began during the 2006-2007 school year as a trial period. Apparently, it worked out well, because this year the college created a manual and allows the students of one residence hall, Monroe, to house their family pets (one pet per room).

The manual states that students must pay a registration fee of $50 for one cat or dog (under 40 lbs.) and $25 for two hamsters, gerbils, birds and guinea pigs.

Also, each pet must be at least one and a half years of age and must have been in the family for at least one year. This means that no student can acquire a new pet and house it on campus.

Westminster students can see both sides of the privilege. Kylee Bennett, a sophomore, says she would really love to have a pet while at school, but would feel bad for the animal, too.

"Pets in the residence halls would help make the students responsible. We would have to care for and nurture them and make sure they were well fed and groomed," Bennett said.

"However, in most cases, I do not believe that a college dorm room is a suitable living environment for a pet. I personally would love to have a pet in my room, especially since I have no roommate, but it would be unfair to the animal to be locked up in my room all day while I am in classes and at meetings."

Allegheny College, located in Meadville, Penn., also takes a different approach to its students. For example, students living in residence halls that are of legal drinking age are permitted to have alcohol (the amount must be within reason), and males and females are allowed to live in the same residence halls.

"The College recognizes explicitly that students are adults, which means that they are expected to obey the law and take responsibility for their behavior," The Compass, Allegheny's student handbook, states.

Westminster's student handbook, however, says, "Because they are under the age of 21, Pennsylvania Law prohibits most Westminster students from drinking alcoholic beverages.

"For the sake of reasonable administration, and in order to create the best possible living and educational atmosphere, there shall be no use, possession, sale, or serving of alcoholic beverages by any student while on or in College property."

Crystal Ptacek, a senior Allegheny student, says that the judiciary board at Allegheny is pretty reasonable about its expectations of alcohol consumption on campus.

"The judiciary board assumes all kids drink at some point here, underage or otherwise," Ptacek said. They don't think students are a bunch of raging alcoholics, but, in general, most people think that everyone else drinks. People that don't drink are in the minority."

"One of the big issues the administration treats us like children with is the use and possession of alcohol here on campus," Marisa Monahan, junior, said.

"The law states that 21 is the legal drinking age, so why are 21-year-olds and over getting fined and written up for following the state law? We've waited 21 years to legally drink and now Westminster is telling us we're not aloud to drink nor possess it in the little cubical area we live in for most of the year?

"And to push it so far that we get written up for having shot glasses or beer bongs? Maybe bonging is how I drink Kool Aide or milk. Westminster seriously needs to rethink about being a dry campus, because students are just going to keep bringing alcohol in and out of the dorms...end of story."

Make a Difference Day

By Kathryn Zetzer
Campus Writer

Shane Killian, a VISTA, is serving at Westminster College working with PACC through AmeriCorps to encourage communities to address neighborhood challenges.

Americorps creates opportunities for citizens to serve in a variety of ways. Members such as Killian, attend to needs in communities such as tutoring and mentoring disadvantaged youth, fighting illiteracy, improving health services, building affordable housing, teaching computer skills, cleaning parks and streams, managing to operate after-school programs, helping communities to respond to disasters and building organizational capacity.

Americorps members serve with more than 2,000 nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based and community organizations. Working on and off campus Killian, a 2007 graduate of Allegany College, can be found 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m every weekday on the second floor of McKelvey in the Drinko Center.

"Westminster has so many great resources to help me find an opportunity to benefit others in the area," said junior Jennifer Pallone. "The Drinko Center could be beneficial because they could help me find an off campus volunteer position pertaining to my major, elementary education."

Make a Difference Day is Killian's biggest project this year. National service day is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors and will take place Saturday, Oct. 27.

This event will be a first for the campus and Killian is hoping for generous support from each organization. Projects can be as large or as small as the group wishes. Groups will set-up a project, while the supervisors stay in contact with Killian.

Flyers, posters and emails will soon be sent out with more information. Organizational leaders are asked to please contact Killian to make this year's Make a Difference Day a success.

"I'd like a big turnout," said Killian. "I'm hoping this will become part of the consciousness for the surrounding community."

Killian is also working with a capstone student making a webpage for civic engagement. This student database will hopefully be up and running by the end of the semester, in time for spring semester registration.

The catalog will compile all service learning information from classes in the past and present. Trying to put an emphasis on the importance of service learning the website will make civic engagement easier to find.

"It's nice to know about more options outside of the usual academic classes," said sophomore Carrie Hill.

Networking locally, these service programs meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. Compiling information and making it more accessible to students is a major part of what Killian will be doing this year.

"I am here to help match Westminster College resources with communities' needs," said Killian.

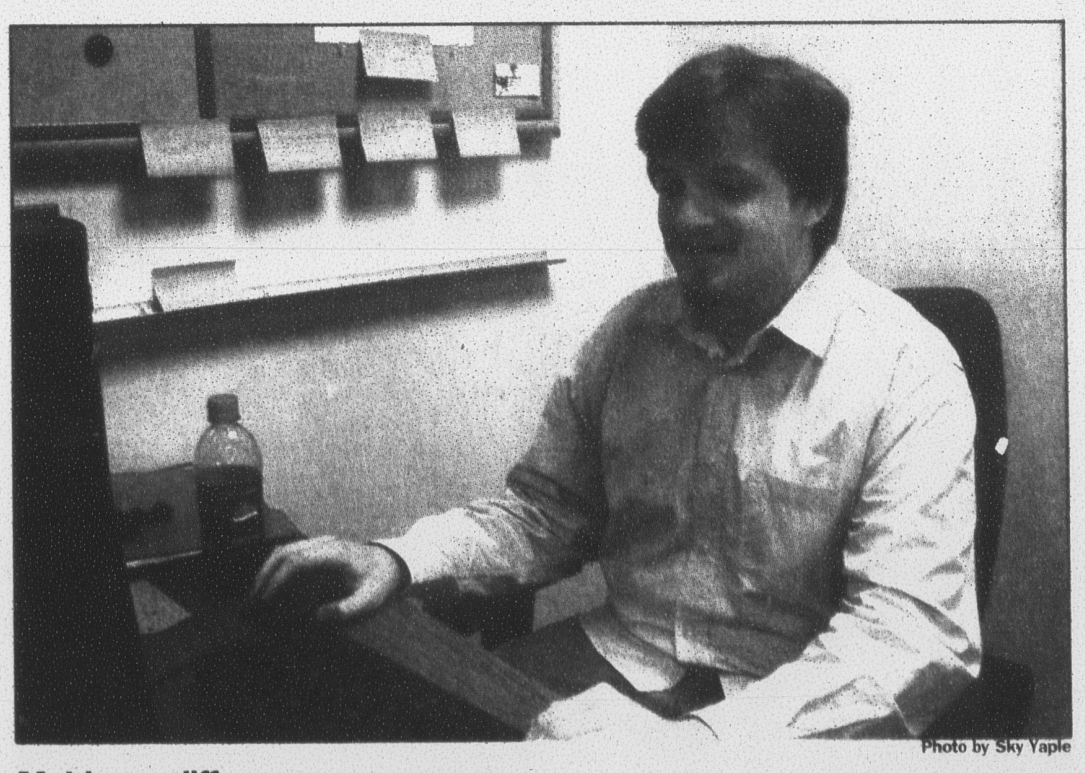


Photo by Sky Yaple

Making a difference on campus

Shane Killian joins the campus body this year to encourage the community to address neighborhood challenges.

Opinion

OUR VIEW

Borough forgets its lifeline

It is the view of members of Holcad staff that the Maple Street construction project that has been ongoing since the start of classes is severely inconsiderate of the student body as well as the needs of the campus and borough as a whole.

Given the large amount of revenue generated within New Wilmington's borough and surrounding township directly related to the college, one would think that inconveniencing the students whose pockets allow businesses to thrive during the school year enough to survive during breaks and the summer would be out of the question.

However, borough officials apparently did not take such matters into consideration when planning the town's construction projects, apparently unconcerned with showing the community in the best light possible to first years as well as returning students.

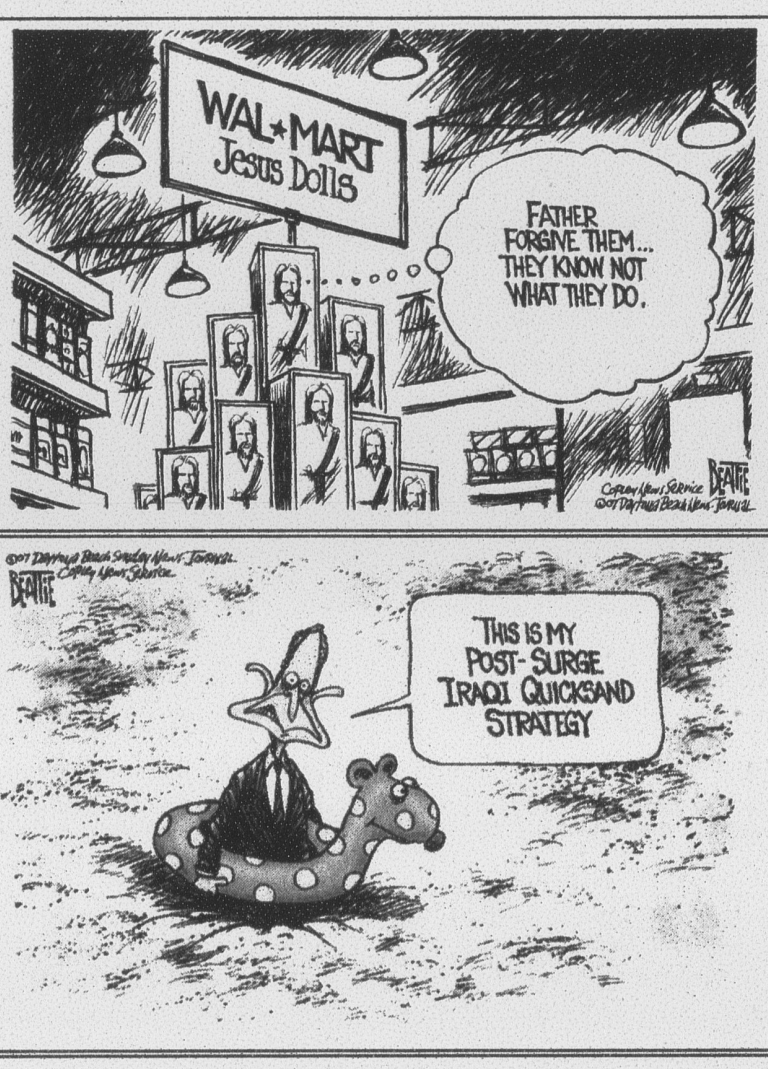
Considering the street is the only access point to the lots designated to commuter students, many of whom live in or near the borough, eliminating both lanes of traffic seems inconsiderate and thoughtless. Also among those affected: vendors and postal workers servicing the campus center, faculty and staff getting to work, and pedestrians attempting to follow campus rules regarding vehicle use.

It is especially caring of the borough to have created temporary ramps to the driveways on Maple, with the exception of a fraternity facility which houses far more people of driving age than the individual houses across the street from the Patterson lot, creating a five-inch drop for the residents' cars to reach the bumpy street. It was interesting to see the construction workers' solution to the problem of the Hoyt lot's entrance: diverting traffic down Phi Tau's driveway then through the fraternity-owned yard with construction cones.

Additionally, a borough spokesman (who will go unnamed) refused to cooperate with a student attempting to investigate the situation.

The situation might be more tolerable if not for the fact that the town is virtually dead in the summer when students are absent. For nearly three months, the still drivable roadway sat untouched. If residents (both student and borough) must be inconvenienced by this project at some point – why wait until the population present quadrupled?

While the college has little say in the decision, the administration might consider using its clout as the major revenue source in the town (taking into consideration the taxes, utilities and other massive costs relating to its operation), especially in light of the fact that many of the college's students come from referrals and the high number of students transferring elsewhere each year. Perhaps such measures would lessen the rate at which first-year classes shrink.



"It's OK if his book doesn't sell. He's also endorsed a new line of Alan Greenspan weather vanes!"

Weekly glop - priorities

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

At many times a student's life when they realize that it is imperative that they get their priorities in line. This happened to me as a sophomore when I almost failed one of my core major courses.

When this happened, I realized that I needed to get my act together and set my schoolwork as top priority. Academic institutions are commonly forced to approach students who are failing courses to tell them that they need to get their act together.

Sometimes it even takes students to inform the institution when it does not have its own priorities in order and what it needs to do to stay ahead.

Currently, Westminster has been putting renovations at the top of its priorities list. Since Westminster is going to spend tuition dollars on renovations, perhaps they should be spending it on programs and activities that benefit the students most, or programs that could potentially attract more students.

Westminster advertises itself as being an academic institution that focuses on a personal relationship between the students and faculty. With this in mind, shouldn't the school be spending money on its academic services and providing students with activities and programs to enhance there academic understanding of their subject area?

Obviously not, because it has been decided that what Westminster needs, instead of the above stated, is a new football field.

Now I would like to start by saying that I have no problem with our football team and its players. In fact, I would like to give a shout out to my man Mario Camerota for getting his second interception in two weeks against Geneva.

With that said, however, if Westminster is advertising itself as a primarily academic institution, shouldn't the school's money be going towards programs in academia?

Students who apply to Westminster are going to be doing so based on things such as our mission statement and our advertisements (like student to faculty ratio).

Most students applying to a school to play football would most likely apply somewhere such as Penn State or University of Pittsburgh before a small liberal arts college.

This is supported by the fact that on average only about twelve students are accepted at Westminster who state they are coming primarily for our football program.

So when the rest of the students who applied for academic reasons eventually enroll and begin attending classes, they expect these classes to be supplemented by other programs that can help them excel.

For instance, more money spent on bringing renowned speakers in the different subject areas could greatly increase a student's understanding and/ or interest in that area. This would also benefit the school because it could help Westminster become better known in academic circles for hosting prominent speakers, and even on smaller levels such as helping exploratory majors choose their program of interest more quickly due to more access to different academic areas outside of their four classes per semester.

Another academic program that could benefit greatly from receiving grants from the school is the honors program. The honors program is another aspect that incoming students may look for when deciding whether they wish to attend Westminster or not.

If our honors program was able to boast larger scholarships, travel opportunities, and even speakers as I mentioned above, it may help attract what Westminster states it is looking for: the student interested in academics.

These are just two areas Westminster could focus its financial efforts in order to enhance the academic activities and programs that it offers.

With all of this being said, and seeing where the administration has focused its financial priorities, it is obvious that it is time for the college to get its goals in line; the top one being academics.

Anthony is a senior math and philosophy major. He enjoys marching with penguins and is an image caught in time.

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REGIONAL

Pittsburgh diocese creates $1.25M fund to settle abuse claims

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh said Monday it has created a $1.25 million fund to settle 32 lawsuits alleging abuse or injury by priests.

In a joint statement with an attorney for the plaintiffs, the diocese said it wanted to settle even though Pennsylvania's statute of limitations barred many victims from filing personal injury claims.

The Plaintiff's attorney Alan H. Perer said that he appreciated the gesture even though he didn't think thst the sum of money fairly compensated the victims for the abuse.

Each victim would receive an average of $40,000 under the settlement, not including legal fees. An independent arbitrator will meet with the victims and determine how much each will receive, partly based on the type and length of abuse, Perer said.

Perer declined to say what the legal fees would be.

The victims feel the courts, and laws of Pennsylvania did not offer them protection, Perer said at a news conference.

"They are nevertheless grateful and they do appreciate that the diocese voluntarily is going to try to do something for them," Perer said. "The amount of money that is being paid is not commensurate with the damage and the shattered lives and the loss of faith that I would say everyone of these people feels."

The diocese also will offer a program of counseling and healing for people.

Bishop Paul J. Bradley, diocesan administrator, praised both sides for moving from an adversarial relationship toward "conciliation and agreement."

The lawsuits involved represented 32 individuals. Three other people chose not to participate in the deal, and their cases will be dismissed by the courts, Perer said.

Sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests has cost the U.S. church at least $2.3 billion since 1950, including several multimillion-dollar settlements reached since the most recent crisis erupted in 2002.

The largest settlement announced so far involved the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, which agreed to pay $660 million to about 500 people in July, shortly before jury selection was scheduled to begin in the first of 15 trials involving 172 abuse claimants there.

Pittsburgh has one of the largest Catholic dioceses in the country, with more than 760,000 parishioners who make up nearly 40 percent of the population in a six-county area.

University celebrates 25th anniversary of 'smiley face' emoticon

PITTSBURGH (AP) - It was a serious contribution to the electronic lexicon.

Twenty-five years ago, three keystrokes – a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis – were first used as a horizontal "smiley face" in a computer message by Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman, the university said.

To mark the anniversary Wednesday, Fahlman and his colleagues are starting an annual student contest for innovation in technology-assisted, person-to-person communication. The Smiley Award, sponsored by Yahoo Inc., carries a $500 cash prize.

Language experts say the smiley face and other so-called emoticons, or emotional icons, have given people a concise way of expressing sentiments in e-mail and other electronic messages that otherwise would be difficult to detect.

Fahlman posted the emoticon in a message to an online electronic bulletin board at 11:44 a.m. on Sept. 19, 1982, during a discussion about the limits of online humor and how to denote comments meant to be taken lightly.

"I propose the following character sequence for joke markers: :-)," wrote Fahlman. "Read it sideways."

The suggestion gave computer users a way to convey humor or positive feelings with a smile – or the opposite sentiments by reversing the parenthesis to form a frown.

Carnegie Mellon said the smileys spread from its campus to other universities, businesses and eventually around the world as the Internet gained popularity. Variations, such as the "wink" that uses a semicolon, emerged later.

"It has been fascinating to watch this phenomenon grow from a little message I tossed off in 10 minutes to something that has spread all around the world," Fahlman was quoted as saying in a university statement. "I sometimes wonder how many millions of people have typed these characters, and how many have turned their heads to one side to view a smiley, in the 25 years since this all started."

Amy Weinberg, a University of Maryland linguist and computer scientist, said emoticons such as the smiley were "definitely creeping into the way" people communicate in business and academia.

"In terms of things that language processing does, you have to take them into account," she said. "If you're doing almost anything ... and you have a sentence that says 'I love my boss' and then there's a smiley face, you better not take that seriously."

Such emoticons reflect the likely original purpose of language – to enable people to express emotion, said Clifford Nass, a professor of communications at Stanford University.

The emotion behind a written sentence may be hard to discern because it is something often conveyed through tone of voice, he said.

"What emoticons do is essentially provide a mechanism to transmit emotion when you don't have the voice," Nass said.

In some ways, he added, they also give people "the ability not to think as hard about the words they're using."

Carnegie Mellon says Fahlman is the originator of the smiley face emoticon, though computer science and linguistics professors contacted by The Associated Press said they were unaware of who created the symbol.

Man charged in childs death

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A manthat has been accused of beating his girlfriend's 4-year-old son is now being charged with his homicide after the boy died from his injuries in thehospital over the weekend.

Montgomery County prosecutors say 19-year-old Nadir Turner of Willow Grove inflicted extensive injuries on the child on Thursday, including a skull fracture. The child died Saturday at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Turner was already charged with the aggravated assault before the boy died.

No charges have been filed against the 18-year-old mother, who left the boy in Turner's care while she went to a college class. District Attorney Bruce Castor says thatpolice were looking for a motive.

Bristol Township police seek public's help in shooting death

LEVITTOWN, Pa. (AP) - Police in Bristol Township are seeking help from the public in the shooting death of a man in the Winder Village section of the township on Sunday.

Jimmy Dennis Moore, 19, was found lying in the street near his home at about 3:25 a.m. and was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said that the neighbors had eported hearing gunshots in the area but investigators have found no eyewitnesses and had no suspects.

"Obviously, we need the public's help," Lt. Terry Hughes said. "We hope that if anyone saw or knows something about the incident, that they'll share that information."

The shooting scene is near Route 413 and the I-95 Bristol exit.

NATIONAL

Mars company says no to changing their chocolate

CHICAGO - The maker of M&M's and Milky Way bars says it would be a mistake to mess with its chocolate.

Mars Inc. said Monday it will continue to use 100 percent cocoa butter in its U.S. chocolate products, bucking an industry campaign to allow cheaper vegetable oils to be substituted.

The announcement comes amid a push by a dozen food industry groups to change long-established federal standards to allow for replacing cocoa butter with another vegetable fat, up to a level of 5 percent. The groups say the change, which would save money for manufacturers, would allow more flexibility and innovation.

Manufacturers already can use vegetable fats instead of cocoa butter, but they are not allowed by the Food and Drug Administration to call it chocolate.

Mars, one of the largest chocolate manufacturers, disclosed the company's opposition to cocoa butter substitutes at the All Candy Expo in Chicago, North America's biggest candy trade show.

"Changing the definition of what chocolate is would be a mistake," said Todd Lachman, president of Hackettstown, N.J.-based Mars Snackfoods US. "The bottom line is that we're not going to change our chocolate. Today, Mars US chocolate products are pure, authentic chocolate and they're going to stay that way."

The company could have saved millions of dollars by going along with the move, but allowing vegetable oil would have diluted the quality of its chocolate, he said.

Mars' products include M&Ms, Dove Chocolate, Snickers, Milky Way, 3 Musketeers and Twix.

U.S. chocolate manufacturers have been split on whether to back a change in chocolate standards. While the financial savings would be substantial, consumers and some within the industry have been outspoken in their support for genuine chocolate and not a cheaper substitute.

As recently as 2000, Mars said it would support allowing up to 5 percent vegetable fat to be used in chocolate.

The European Union has used a 5 percent ceiling since 2003.

Animal expert Jack Hanna, flamingo get stuck in airport turnstile in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Animal expert Jack Hanna and an 11-month-old flamingo became trapped while trying to squeeze through an airport security turnstile. It took firefighters to finally get the flamingo out.

Hanna, the director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and a frequent guest on nationally televised talk shows, was returning from a zoo fundraiser with a mongoose, a small leopard and the flamingo. Three other people were with them.

The entourage arrived at the Ohio State University Airport just after midnight Sunday to find the terminal closed. The only way to leave the tarmac was through a 10-foot-tall metal turnstile with several horizontal bars – not the easiest exit to squeeze through when you're traveling with boxed-up animals, Hanna said.

"I never thought about the crate being square and the turnstile being round," he said.

Hanna, 60, pushed the flamingo's 2-foot-by-3-foot compartment into the turnstile, then continued pushing while straddling the crate.

"I was stuck like a worm. My eyes were as big as grapefruits," he said. "I can't describe the feeling in my stomach. I can't move up or down. The bars are on your face."

Hanna said that eventually that he was able to squirm free, leaving the flamingo still wedged inside and everyone else trapped on the tarmac. He then walked to a nearby fire station for help. It took three firefighters to hoist the flamingo's crate up and out of the turnstile, he said.

The Columbus fire department logs show that the firefighters arrived at the airport at 12:30 a.m. for a "flamingo rescue," Columbus Zoo spokeswoman Kelly McGuire said.

Hanna joked that the next time he flies through the airport, the biggest animal he'll bring is a gerbil.

Florida tornado damages dozens of homes

CAPE CORAL, Fla. - As many as 150 homes were damaged by a powerful tornado that swept off the Gulf of Mexico and plowed into this southwest Florida city, officials said Monday. One person suffered minor injuries from flying debris.

Thunderstorms that spawned the tornado hit Cape Coral around 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

"Water was pouring in through the windows, it soaked everything," said Jessica Gibson, whose apartment building roof was partly torn off.

Daniel Noah at the National Weather Service said the tornado started as a water spout over Fort Myers Beach and moved north into Cape Coral. He estimated the winds speeds were between 90 and 110 mph.

One minor injury from flying debris was reported after the tornado, which damaged dozens of houses, apartments and other buildings, city spokeswoman Connie Barron said. Cape Coral's chief inspector, Bill Selvia, told the News-Press of Fort Myers on Monday that the final damage estimate could be in the millions of dollars.

At the Silver Sands Resort, the tornado toppled a tiki bar and tore the roof off two units, owner Tom Groves said.

"It threw all the chairs into the pool – just made a general mess," Groves said.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Runaway bus in New Wilmington

A runaway bus from the Shenango Presbyterian Home on New Wilmington's Market Street struck an oncoming car before it rolled into the grass next to McGill Library at Westminster College on Friday. No one was hurt, but a woman in the car the bus struck called the accident bizarre.

"We thought he would stop but he just kept coming and after we were hit we turned around and came back to see who it," Linda Whitling from Clarion said. "We found out there was no driver and that was kind of creepy."

Witnesses tell Titan Radio News the bus moved slowly into the street and hit the car before it hadjumped the sidewalk and rolled next to the McGill Library. The bumper on the bus struck the rear fender of the car. The New Wilmington Police Department is investigating the possibility the bus somehow slipped into gear after it had been parked.

New Wilmington leaders rethinking sale of cable system

New Wilmington leaders want more time to decide what to do with the borough's cable television system as council members took no action following a special meeting on Wednesday. Council members delayed acting on the three bids it received from commercial companies wanting to buy the system. They will now take the next six weeks to research the issues of upgrading cable service to determine the viability of keeping the system as a source of revenue for New Wilmington or sell it to a private company. Comcast, Armstrong and PC One Cable have offered to buyout New Wilmington. Butler-based Armstrong bid $2.5 million dollars while PC One Cable and Comcast are offering $2 million. Council leaders tell Titan Radio News they'll probably wait until November to decide on whether to sell the system which serves 1,000 customers and features the Westminster Cable Network.

Troopers target drunk drivers this week

The Pennsylvania State Police will conduct sobriety checkpoints in Lawrence County this week. The checkpoints are part of a executive initiative from the Governor's office to crackdown on drunk driving crashes. Troopers will focus the checkpoints on areas in the county with a history of DUI related crashes.

INTERNATIONAL

Thai plane crash: survivors' stories

PHUKET, Thailand (AP) -- Stunned by the plane crash, Robert Borland found himself helpless on the floor of the jet with his trousers aflame when a passenger in a yellow shirt helped him out onto the wing. He knows nothing else about the man who saved his life.

Borland was among 41 survivors of Sunday's crash at the airport on the Thai resort island of Phuket. Eighty-nine people were killed when the One-Two-Go jetliner skidded off the runway, breaking up and catching fire as it plowed through a low wall.

"Everything was upside down, or at least it felt that way," said Borland, recalling the screaming and fire. "My clothes caught fire, my trousers."

He managed to drag himself toward an exit and was pulled to safety by another passenger.

"I couldn't have gotten out myself and I'm pretty sure a Thai man in a yellow shirt helped me get out onto the wing," he said. "I have no idea who he was, or where he came from. Then I fell off the wing."

Thirty minutes later, Borland, 48, of Perth, Australia, was in a Phospital, his legs burned and his left arm broken at the elbow.

"I'm glad to be alive. I just wish it could turn out all right for everybody," he said.

Passengers and officials said the pilot tried to abort his landing in heavy rain and wind. He tried to pull up for a second attempt, and the aircraft lurched up, then down, hitting the tarmac hard.

Wind shear - a rapid change in wind speed that can affect takeoffs and landings - was a possible cause of the crash, said Kajit Habnanonda, president of Orient-Thai Airlines, which owns One-Two-Go. He said heavy rains could have contributed to the 24-year-old McDonnell Douglas MD-82 jetliner skidding off the runway.

Control tower officials informed the Indonesian pilot, Arief Mulyadi, about wind shear but he decided to land anyway, according to a transcript of the conversation between the tower and the plane. Mulyadi died in the crash.

"The last word the pilot said was 'landing,'" Chaisak Ungsuwan, the Air Transport Department's director-general, told the Nation TV channel.

Authorities found the plane's two flight data recorders, but Transport Minister Theera Haocharoen said it was too early to determine the cause of the crash.

Deputy Transport Minister Sansern Wongcha-um said 53 foreigners were among those killed. The dead came from at le 10 countries, including the U.S., Australia, Britain, France, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Sweden and Thailand.

As the plane hit the ground, "everything was falling down, the oxygen and everything from the top started flying around then it was just dark," said Mildred Furlong, a 23-year-old waitress from Prince George, British Columbia.

"You could feel the smoke in your throat and in your lungs and it was thick, like you couldn't even see and you looked up and there were flames coming from where the cabin used to be," Furlong said from her hospital wheelchair.

Feeling a small rush of air, she looked behind her to see that a man had managed to partially kick open an emergency exit. She looked to her right, where she saw people in flames.

"I don't know who he was but he saved a lot of people," she said of the man who kicked the exit door until it opened enough for people to get out. "If it wasn't for him, nobody would have got out."

Her boyfriend, 26-year-old Chatree Suksawat of Thailand, said he helped two other women jump from the plane through the emergency exit. Once on the wing, he saw another man consumed in flames, but was helpless to rescue him.

On the 90-minute bus trip with her mother beside her, Thitinan Chaiarun took a snapshot of her father, Sinchai Chaiarun, out of a small photo album and held it close to her chest. At times she put it to her lips.

Thitinan, 18, said she kept trying to call her father, a customs official, on Sunday night, not knowing if he was dead.

At Phuket airport, the families were dropped off at the terminal and led to a building where they were greeted by airline staff, airport officials and a wall of photos of passengers killed in the crash.

Inside the hall, the bodies lay on the floor, wrapped in black and white plastic. Relatives looked at the photos before being led to the bodies.

Thitinan saw the photo of her father and burst into tears.

Campus News

Helping turn waste into treasure

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Many think that recycling and composting is of little or no significance, but those people are mistaken. Composting is a complicated process that requires many hours of hard work and dedication.

Field Station director Clarence Harms is devoted to the work that is done in order to compost waste from not only the college, but also the community. Harms described the process and the steps involved from the beginning waste products to the final compost materials.

First, truck loads of food waste are brought to the Field Station from the dining halls and the kitchen. These wastes include all the garbage, even recyclables that students throw away in the dining halls and materials from the kitchen. Other waste collected includes that from dormitories and fraternities, outside waste such as leaves, pond weed and manure and office waste such as shredded paper.

Also contributing to the waste, twice a year chipping parties are held, turning limbs and Christmas trees into chips. Harms collects about 600 lb of waste per week. Once the waste has been collected the materials must be sorted. Harms separates the garage by hand, into piles according to content. Every bit of waste collected is weighed and recorded.

After sorting, the materials are put into rows and dispersed. The rows are then mixed together and stirred every six to 10 days, with a roaditiller-like machine. Once the items have been stirred and placed in the earth the micro-organisms go to work, digesting the materials and producing soil. Harvesting begins 4 months later, where the soil goes through a machine, shaking all the big rocks out, creating a fine finished high-quality compost product. Completing the circle the compost then gets used at the Field Station to plant trees and other vegetation. It is also used throughout campus for trees, mulch areas, flower beds, and so forth.

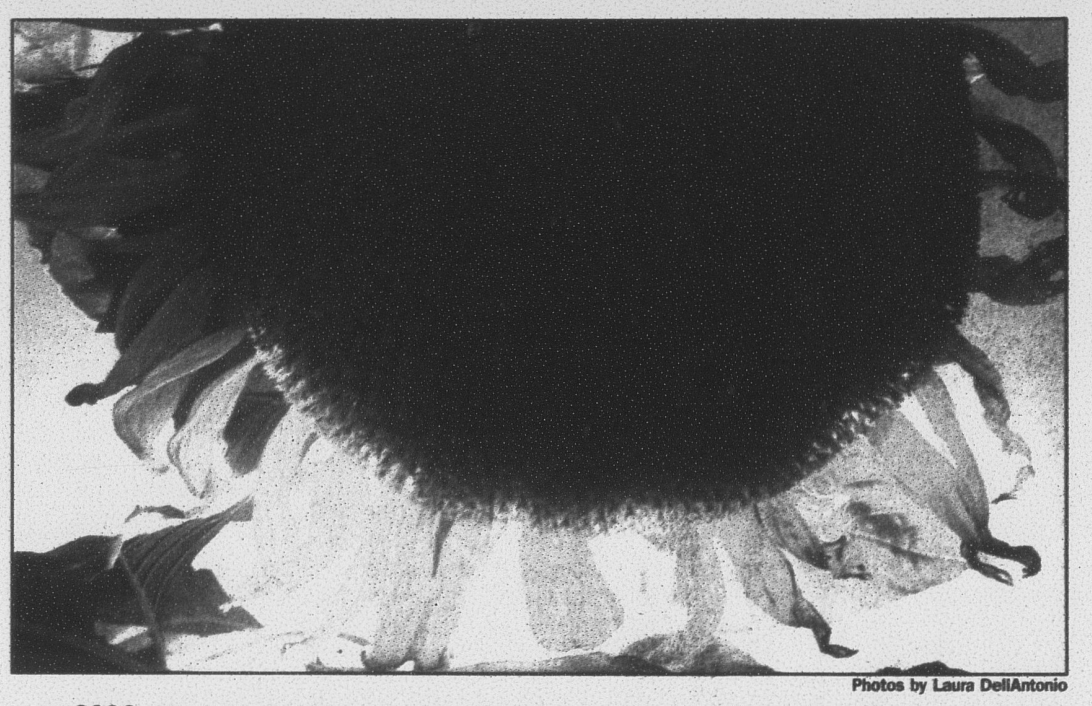
Some of the compost is given away to the Chenango Valley nursing home and to other community members who need it. Many community members contribute to the field station by dropping off waste and other products. Therefore, by giving some of the compost away Harms is giving back to the community and showing his appreciation.

"The purpose of the compost pile is to keep things out of the lands fill," Harms said.

Harms stated that the most important aspect to the compost, are the micro-organisms, who really do all the work. He puts a lot of effort into the compost pile and the field station, contributing his assistance hour after hour, day after day. Yet, he still gives the micro-organisms all the credit.

Harms is a man that takes pride in his work. Work that reflects beauty, contributes to the campus and the community, and makes the environment and the world a better place. Even though Harms does not solely act alone, his efforts should still be acknowledged.

"My favorite part of my job is visiting with people who are out here [Field Station] for the first time, and who don't really know how the process works," Harms said. "I love being outdoors. It is a very natural process that brings me personal satisfaction."



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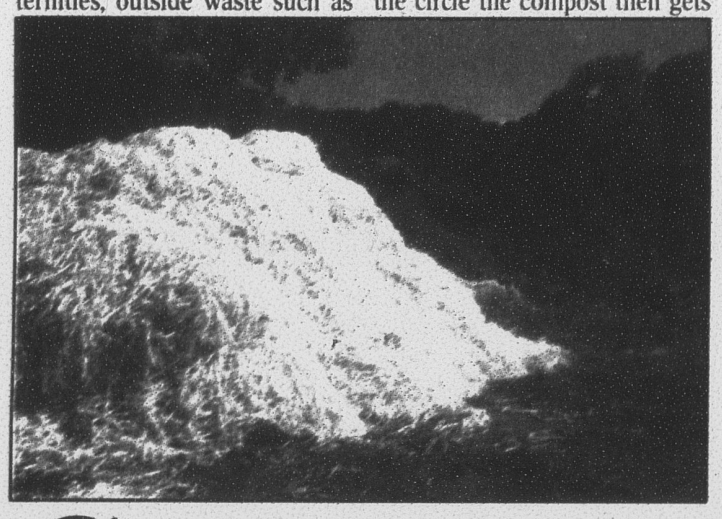
In 2006, Field Station director Clarence Harms collected more than 226 tons of waste, saving the college $16,800 per year.



If the college did not have a compost pile, all food waste, trash and recyclables would be sent to landfills. In addition, the college would have to pay the land fill $74 per ton of waste that was sent. In 2006 Harms collected more than 226 tons. Therefore, Harms and the compost pile are not only helping the environment, but also serving as an economic value, saving the college more than $16,800 a year.

Harms does receive help from individual volunteers from campus and the community. Organizations such as the girl scouts, SSC and others have helped in the past as well. The field station also hires student employees.

Junior Michelle Johnston has been employed at the field station since her freshman year. Her duties include travel maintenance, clipping back trees, cutting grass, collecting data for studies, sorting compost, checking PH levels, and making new rows. Johnston believes in the importance of the compost pile and recycling.

"People need to make a conscious effort to use fewer products, making sure not to take more than they need. They also need to be aware of how much food they are actually wasting," Johnston said. "There are only so many natural resources left and it important we recycle them."

Harms said that the hardest part of his job is the frustration, not from the compost process, but from seeing students throw plastic bottles into trash bins rather than recycling them. Recycling does not take that much effort. People have busy lives and schedules, but does it really take that much energy to walk a few extra feet to place plastics in a recycling bin?

Harms cannot act alone. He needs the help of the campus and the community.

"We [Westminster] have a long way to go, but I would like to see us make progress and some day be listed as a Green college," Harms said.

Construction woes

New Wilmington Borough continues construction project on Maple Street, students and residents lament inconvenience

By Ben Knauff
Campus Writer

Many students this week found themselves participating in a track and field event on the way to and from classes this week: the long jump. This unusual distraction was the result of a recent New Wilmington Borough project to repair Maple Street.

According to Council Administrator and Treasurer Sharonn Edmiston the construction was set in motion to repair worn-down curbing on the lower end and campus side of the street. It was also the result of years of patchwork maintenance to the road such as pothole repairs and coats of "tar and chips".

These types of renovations are helpful in the short-term, but eventually a major overhaul is necessary. Unfortunately, students and staff were caught off-guard by the construction.

"[Westminster] had no control over, or input, or prior notice about the project," Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner stated.

Obviously, the construction was more of an inconvenience to those students living near to Maple Street, such as the ladies of Shaw Hall and the brothers of campus fraternity Phi Kappa Tau.

"We (the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau) really appreciate how all summer no construction was done, and then the day school starts they tear up the whole road. We have to drive through the grass because our cars bottom out coming out of our driveway," Phi Kappa Tau President Ben Jarrett said.

According to Executive Secretary of Student Affairs and New Wilmington Councilperson Beth Brooks, the timing of the Maple Street construction was unavoidable. Apparently funds were not readily available for the borough during the summer months, and construction was delayed in order to coordinate with water main repairs in the borough and the schedule of the contracted paving company.

The project was also postponed so that students would be able to move in without any obstruction from road crews.

"This will be an incredible improvement not only for the borough, but the campus as well, and it's just an inconvenience that we have to endure. Hopefully, in a week this will just be a memory that will fade quickly," Brooks said.

The borough hired an independent company, Butch and McCree Paving Inc. to undertake construction on Maple Street. According to Manta.com, Butch and McCree Paving Inc. is primarily a blacktop paving and excavating contractor.

The company, based in Hillsville, PA., was formed in 1967. Hillsville is located approximately 15 miles southwest of New Wilmington.

Photo by Sky Yaple

Construction vehicles line Maple Street, eliminating parking and blocking students and residents from being able to manuver easily.

"Get Real" in preparing for life after college

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

The "Get Real!" series will present four classes geared towards preparing students for life after college.

College counselor Babs Quincy will conduct the first class titled "The Emotional Quotient (EQ)" on Thursday, Sept. 20. This class will focus on how personality, rather than success, affects a person's intelligence quotient (IQ).

"Emotional Quotient is the measure used for the level of a person's emotional intelligence," Quincy said. "Emotional intelligence is a different kind of intelligence and research supports the reality that the person with the higher degree of emotional intelligence will be more successful, both personally and professionally."

During the class, Quincy will explain the importance of emotional intelligence and how it affects daily life. The students will then evaluate where they stand in the areas of emotional intelligence.

Once the class has a better understanding of the concepts of emotional intelligence and how it plays a role in their daily life, Quincy will offer tips to leading a life with healthy emotions.

Each of the four sessions sponsored by the Student Affairs office will cover a different topic. The programs run from 12:40 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. and are located in the Witherspoon Lakeview Room. The classes are only open to 25 students, and lunch will be provided during the presentation.

"The 'Get Real!' classes look really interesting and I hope to attend all four this semester," senior Elise Woomer said. "As a senior, I am going to have to live on my own next year so any tips about how to manage in the real world would really help me."

Seniors and juniors have first preference to fill the 25 spots in the class. To reserve a spot in "The Emotional Quotient (EQ)" class students need to email GetReal@westminster.edu by Sept. 13. Students should to plan to stay for the entire presentation. If students are not able to stay for the whole time, but still wish to attend, their names will go on a waiting list.

"When Babs Quincy was speaking during the residence life training she seemed very knowledgeable and seemed like a good resource for understanding psychological issues," Woomer said. "I am planning on going into clinical social work in grad school so any additional resource in the field such as the 'Get Real!' class is beneficial."

Following "The Emotional Quotient," "Get Real!" presents "Wheels and Deals" which helps students with tips for hunting for and purchasing cars. This class is on Oct. 4th and is presented by Bill Fitts.

"I am looking forward to learning about car shopping tips," junior Bethany Olson said. "I often hear how car shopping is a painful experience; therefore, I want to know how to find a car without too much hassle."

"Get Real!" also presents "Being a Smart Beginning Investor" in order to help students with financial planning, banking issues, and personal legal matters. This class is on Nov. 15, and the presenter is David Smith.

"After college I am going to be an elementary school teacher and the starting salaries aren't that great, so I am interested in what financial tips the 'Being a Smart Beginning Investor' class has to offer," junior Jenn Byers said.

"Get Real!" will conclude the semester with a class called "TriBeCa/SoHo: 2BR/2BA" presented by Darryl Audia. This class is on Dec. 6 and will teach what important factors to look for when apartment and house hunting. For the next three upcoming classes students should send an email one week prior to the date of the class in order to reserve a spot in the class.

"All of the 'Get Real!' classes provide helpful information about living on your own, and I think attending would really give me a head start on life after college," junior Stef Niziol said.

Sports

Lady Titans 'volley against violence'

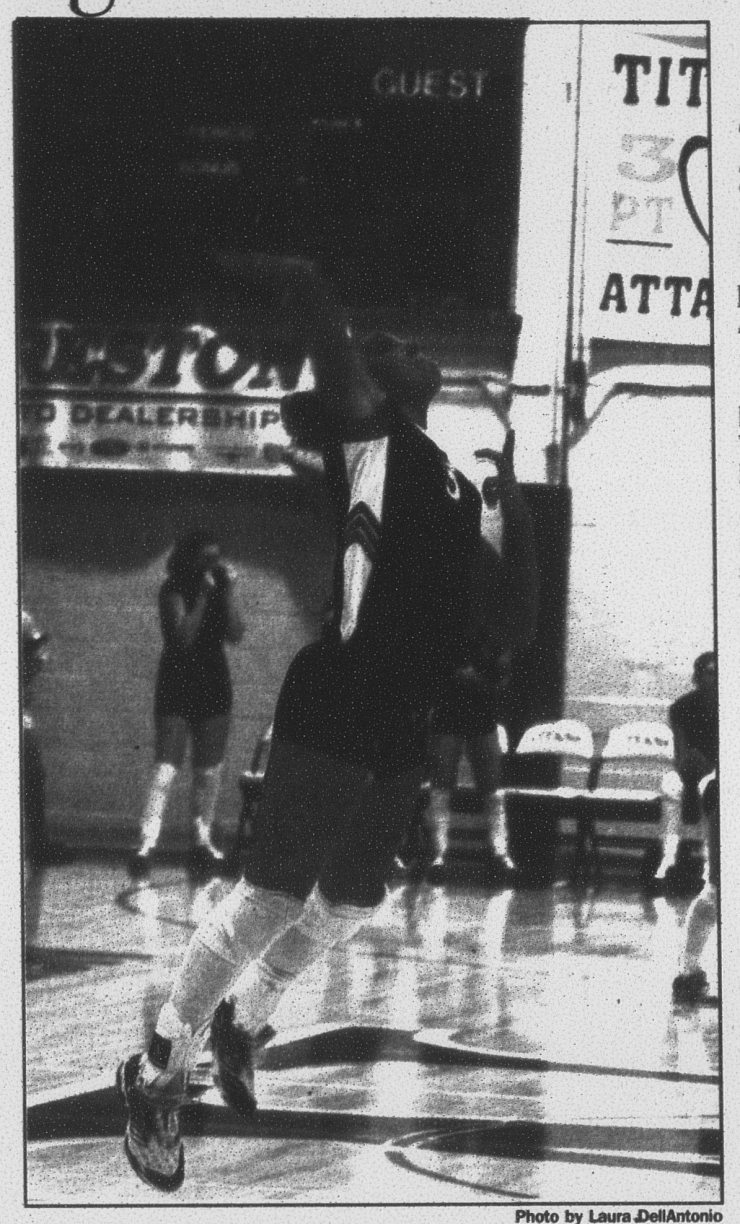


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Hannah Parker spikes one over the net in the match against Oberlin on September 15. The Titans went on to lose the match 2-3.

Volleyball team hosts invitational to raise money

By Laura DellAntonio
Photography Editor

The Lady Titan volleyball team hosted the annual Volley Against Violence Westminster Volleyball Invitational Sept. 14-15.

The Titans went 0-4 in the tournament, making them 3-10 on the season. Senior Jess Cooper was named to the all-tournament team posting 21 kills against Oberlin and 11 kills against Muskingum.

Sophomore outside hitter Sam Botzum led the Titans with 14 kills against Oberlin and 12 against Muskingum.

The Lady Titans will travel to St. Vincent for a tri-match on Saturday Sept. 22.

The event raised over $800 for the Lawrence County Women's Shelter. The organization offers emergency shelter for women and their children as well as protection from abuse and harassment.

Winning is business

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

From destined, dynasty and dominant to defiant, dismal and despicable is one way of describing the transformation recently undertaken by the New England Patriots and Bill Belichick.

As the media sensationalizes a new portrait of the once revered greatest coach in football, I am left asking myself if I think Belichick deserves everything that is coming his way.

For instance, when offensive coordinators call plays, they oftentimes put their call sheets over their mouths so that the other team cannot read their lips. Obviously, someone on some team has tried reading the lips of offensive coordinators or else they would not worry about hiding their every word.

Is taping the signals of a defense different from reading an offensive coordinator's lips? Did Barry Bonds use steroids? Of course, the answer to these two questions is yes. However, as evidenced by the letter Commissioner Roger Goodell sent to all of the teams, this is not the first time an NFL team has taped an opposing team's signals. In this letter, teams were warned about taping opposing teams' signals because it had occurred before.

In a profession where winning is business in order for business to be good, all coaches try to give their team a competitive edge. The question becomes where the line is between competitive edge and the age-old saying, "If you're not cheating, you're not trying."

Belichick definitely crossed the line and went beyond trying to gain a competitive edge.

In the midst of what Bill Simmons is calling CameraGate, one thing has definitely been overlooked. The bout between the Patriots and Chargers unquestionably shook the balance of power in the talent laden AFC.

The Chargers, seeming to be America's darling Super Bowl pick of the preseason showed that they may be inferior to the Patriots this season just as they showed in last year's playoffs.

When I think of the reasons why San Diego does not seem to be of the same caliber that New England is, I look at their sketchy receivers and inexperienced big game quarterback first. Then, I realized the reason New England dominated San Diego was due to one thing; Bill Belichick was on the Patriots sideline and Norv Turner was on the Chargers sideline.

Although I agree that the legacy of Belichick has certainly been tainted, I also know that he is still the best football coach in the game right now. Not to mention, Norv Turner is still the same Norv Turner that has never had success as an NFL head coach.

In a league where parity is not the exception, but rather the rule, coaching can make all the difference in the world. As Belichick proved against the Chargers, he does not rely of opposing team's signals to scheme a way to win.

At season's end, if indeed the New England Patriots go on to win the Super Bowl, what Belichick did will indisputably be wrong, but Patriots fans will not be condemning their coach to the hall of shame. Rather, for New England, winning will still be business and business will still be good.

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Titan runners finish 4th and 5th

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Penn State Behrend Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Sept.15. The Titan men placed fifth out of 10 teams, while the Titan women placed fourth out of 11 teams.

Sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley placed 12th, with a time of 21:18.15, as Westminster's highest finisher. Sophomore Amanda Everett, with a 22nd-place time of 22:10.45, and senior Leanna Stitt, with a 24th-place time of 22:19.90, were the next highest finishers for the Lady Titans. The Lady Titans finished the invitational with 130 points.

Sophomore Jeremiah Patterson led the Titan men with his 36th-place time of 29:52.80. Senior Will DeLair ran the course in 30:19.25 for 42nd-place. The Titan men absorbed 149 points at the end of the invitational.

The men's and women's cross-country teams return to action at Saint Vincent on Saturday, Sept. 22.

One-mile, downhill race organized for homecoming

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The cross country and track and field team will sponsor the campus' first pre-homecoming race, The Homecoming Market Street Mile, on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The downhill one-mile race will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the corner of Market Street and Route 208. From there, the runners will continue down Market Street, turn left on College Drive and end near the Field House. Refreshments will be served at the finish line to participating athletes.

The involvement fee is $10 for those who return the entry form by Monday, Sept. 24, $12 for entries received after Sept. 24, and $8 for students.

On the morning of the race, registration will open at 8:30 a.m. where the $12 fee will be charged. A further incentive, in addition to a great workout, is that all participants who register by Sept. 24 will receive a free T-shirt.

The race is open to individual runners as well as those who would like to participate as a team; however, at least five people are required to compose a team.

The scoring system will reflect on an individual's finish line placement. In other words, if a runner were to come in fifth place, that individual would receive five points. Furthermore, an awards ceremony will be held outside the Field House immediately following the event.

The top three male and female winners will receive a plaque, and the winners of each age group will receive a medal. All proceeds will go toward the cross country and track and field team's future expenses. The director of the race is the team's coach, Tim McNeil.

"I feel that this race will provide a service for the community and it will be a lot of fun," McNeil said. "I am hoping to get 50 to 60 people in the first year, but in the future I hope that it will grow to 100 to 200 people and continue to grow in further years."

McNeil hopes that this event will be a huge success and also attract a large number of people, not only staff and students, but community members and alumni as well.

"Since this is our first year having the race it is serving as a trial run," McNeil said. "Next year we would like to get sponsors and be able to raise enough money to give away prizes."

During event development, McNeil undertook countless responsibilities. He spent many hours making, printing and distributing fliers, establishing news coverage through the internet and newspaper media and collecting donations to cover the costs of pins, number tags and T-shirts.

The cross country and track and field members will contribute by organizing the start of the race, serving as direction pointers and recording times as the finish line is crossed.

McNeil also approached Mary James, who works in Wiley Alumni House. James provided her assistance by promoting the race to alumni.

"We are excited about the race being at the beginning of the parade. It will be a great kick off," James said. "It will also be a great opportunity for alumni who like to run."

James and McNeil also met with John Lechner, assistant dean, to discuss how the race would work around the parade and fit in the schedule.

The cross country and track and field team will have additional fundraisers in the spring and summer including a 5-K race, camps and meets.

McNeil and the teams appreciate all the support provided by students, faculty and the community. They encourage everyone to participate in a morning of endurance, enthusiasm and excitement.

Kiosk new addition to Field House lobby

Class of 1957 creating Titan athletic legacy with donation

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

The Memorial Field House received a new addition to its lobby this past week when a kiosk was donated by the class of 1957.

The class of 1957 is celebrating its 50th reunion this year. Members of the class made contributions to the college for a gift. While there was a huge push by some student athletic alumni for the kiosk, it was a gift from the entire class.

Athletic director Jim Dafler explained that the Class of 1957 had a host of outstanding athletes in all sports. In addition, 1957 was football coach Harold Burry's first recruiting year. The team posted an outstanding record that season.

The kiosk is meant to leave the legacy of Titan athletes as a link to past years of outstanding athletics. Coach Dafler compared it to kiosks that are popular at various professional athletic halls of fame including the National Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Oh.

However, the kiosk does not focus solely on the football program. For example, the slideshow displays pictures from every athletic team and focuses on the many PAC appearances and championships achieved in every sport.

People using the kiosk have the opportunity to view two videos, look at a slideshow that includes pictures from all sports and check out team schedules. The videos provide a historical perspective to the football program; one explains the history of the Titan football tradition, while the other video is a tribute to Coach Harold Burry.

The tribute video is narrated by Beano Cook, college football commentator for ESPN. On Aug. 17, 1996, the video aired on ESPN as part of Coach Burry's induction to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Dafler believes that the kiosk has "unlimited potential." The hope is for the slideshow feature to change and for more information to be added with the years while the football video feature remains a fixture.

There are plans for future additions to the kiosk. By changing the features, people will be drawn back looking for new information and exciting pictures.

The kiosk is a valuable tool for information regarding the current athletic season. It provides students and visitors to the college with the opportunity to follow box scores and player statistics.

Dafler added that it provides a shortcut to people who usually come to the athletic office wondering when the next game is.

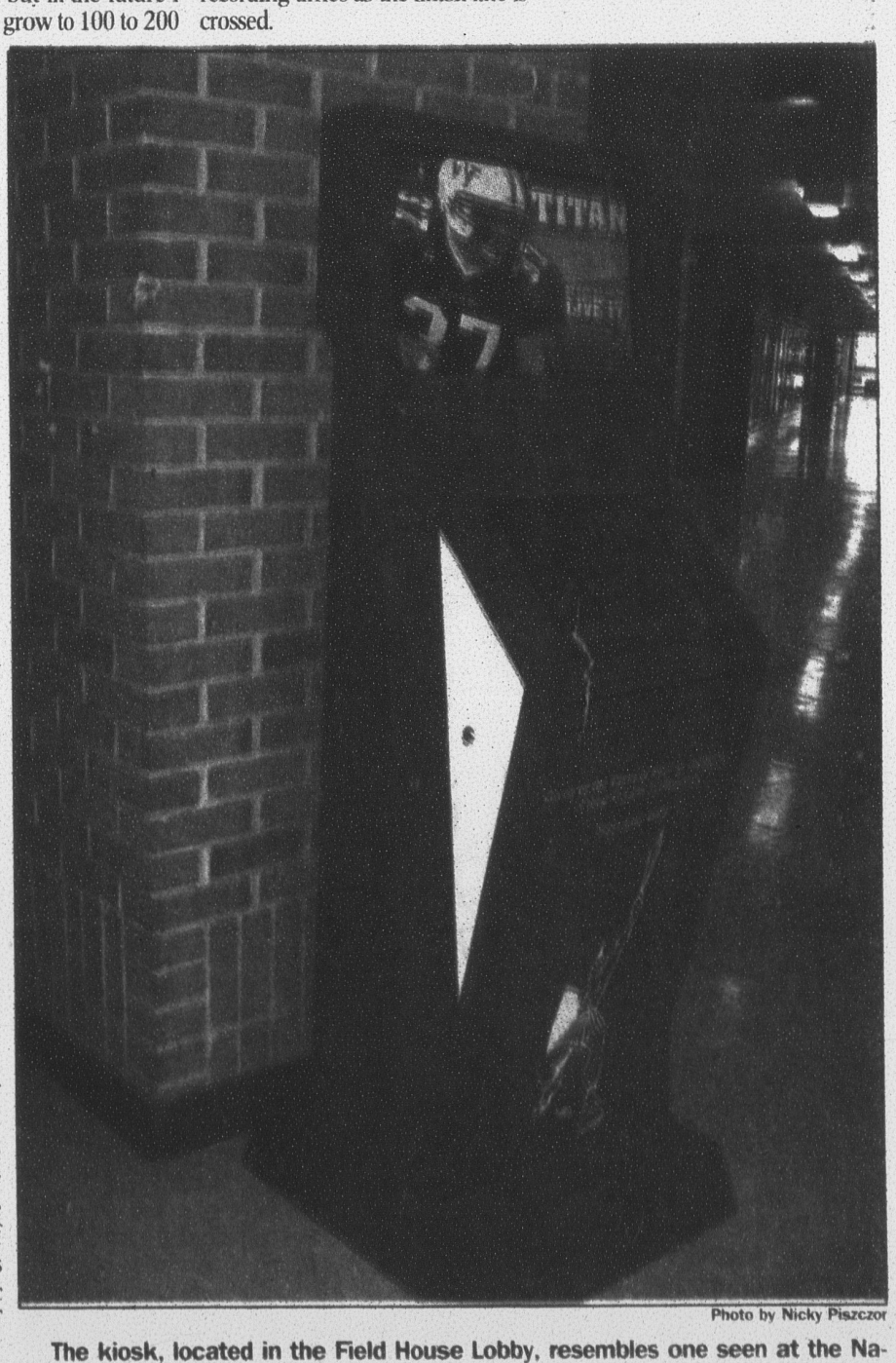
The schedule and information section is the same page that can be found on the college's online homepage. By including the same schedule information that is viewable online, people who do not have internet access have the opportunity to access the same information.

Dafler said that Tom Taylor from the Institutional Advancement Office and Mary James in the Alumni Office were instrumental in making the kiosk a reality.

Mary James coordinated the effort. He added that "without them, it wouldn't be there."

The dedication of the kiosk will be part of the homecoming weekend celebrations. Athletes from the class of 1957 will be on hand for the dedication on Sept. 29, prior to the football game.

"Athletes in the class of 1957 are excited about the kiosk as a way to share the history of Westminster's strong athletic traditions," James said.



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The kiosk, located in the Field House Lobby, resembles one seen at the National Football Hall of Fame.

Sports

Titans fall in Week 3

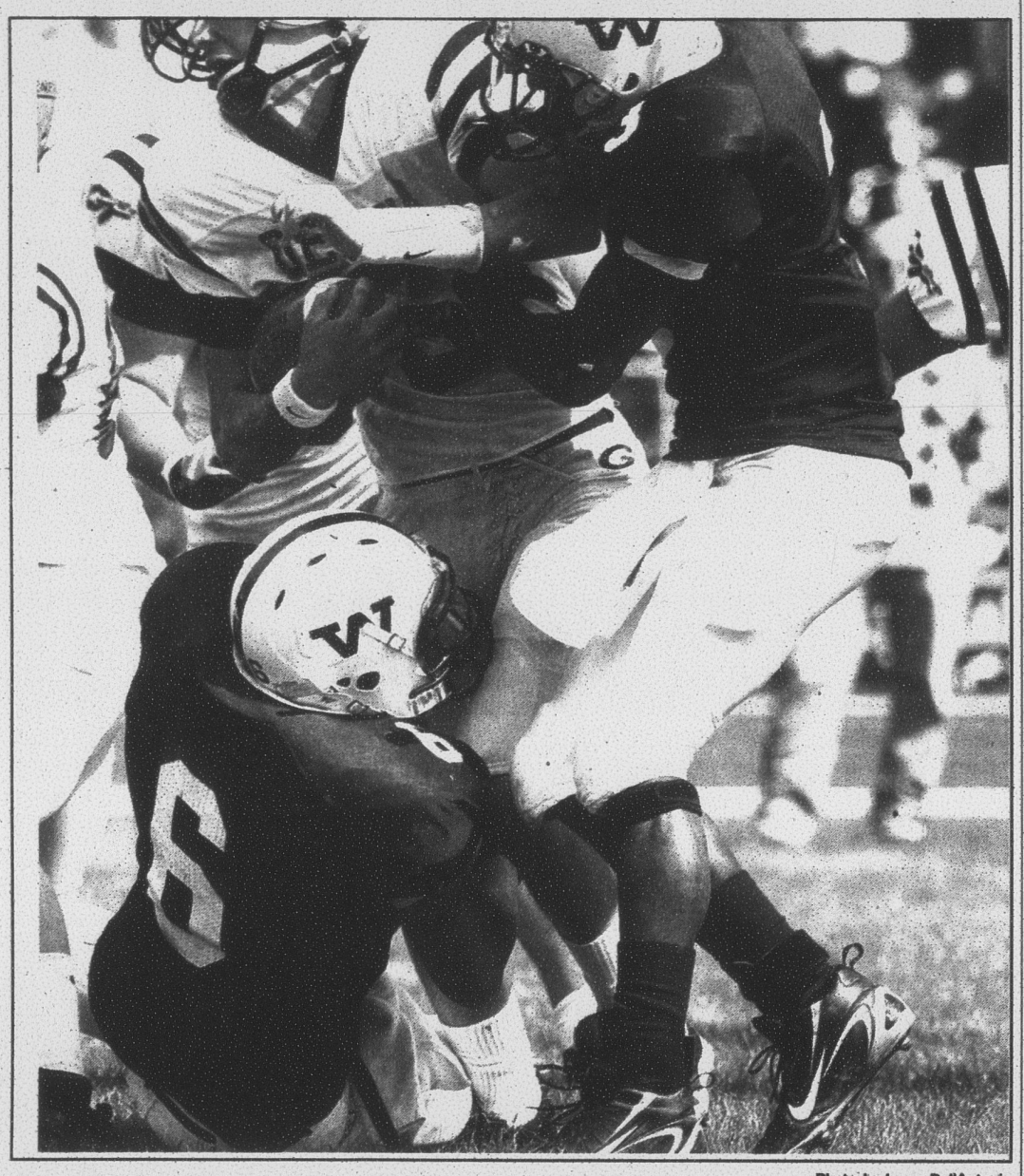


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Two Titan players bring down a Golden Tornado at Saturday's game

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

As week three of the season kicked off, the Titans were on their way to a 3-0 record, but the Geneva Golden Tornadoes had something to say about that. Through multiple turnovers the Golden Tornadoes kept a manageable lead all game.

The Titans started the game by receiving the ball. The return was taken out to the 24 yard line as the Titan offense began the game. The drive started with a 3 yard run followed by a loss of 25 placing the Titans on the 2 yard line. After a short run by QB Kevin Franz the Titans were forced to punt and Geneva took over on the Westminster 36 yard line.

This is where Geneva would start the game. Due to a 15 yard run by Geneva QB Bobby Bondi and a 25 yard pass to Scott Koenig the Golden Tornadoes were set for a field goal making the score 0-3.

Both defenses stood strong for the next few drives as no one allowed any points until there was 5:00 remaining in the first quarter.

The Titans drive had stalled and they were forced to punt. The punt was blocked by Greg Ebhart and returned 35 yards by Brian Wilson for the first touchdown of the game making the score 0-10 Geneva.

This concluded the scoring for the first quarter of the game as both offenses were suppressed.

To start the second quarter, Dusty Rhodes punted the ball to Geneva's 19 yard line. The Golden Tornadoes took to the field only to be stopped and forced to punt after a 3 yard loss forced by Andrew Robison.

Westminster's offense moved the ball well with a key 35 yard reception by Brett Ziegler down inside the red zone. The Titans set up for a 19 yard field goal that was blocked giving Geneva the ball on their own 19 yard line.

The Titan defense came out strong and Geneva to a 3 and out series. The Titans started their drive on the 36 yard line only to have the second play of the drive intercepted and returned for a touch down by Richard Kolesar of Geneva, making the score 0-17. Westminster began their drive on the 39 yard line.

The drive was stopped by a tackle for loss followed by a sack leaving the Titans with a 4th and 20.

After receiving the punt Geneva's offense was ready to go. Geneva took control and got their offense started with a 63 yard drive due to great passing. Geneva scored on a 5 yard run by Matt Dean. Geneva's 2 point conversion failed and the score was 0-23. This score would carry into halftime.

With the score seemingly so out of reach Westminster came out with something to prove in the second half. The Titan offense got going with a 39 yard drive to the Geneva 27 yard line before Kevin Franz was forced to fumble and Geneva took over on their own 44 yard line.

The Titan D came out strong and forced the punt. The Westminster Geneva 39 after a great return on the punt by Jon Gubish. The Titans scored on a 25 yard pass to Brett Ziegler making the score 7-23 Geneva still ahead.

Both offenses were stopped the rest of the 3rd quarter and Geneva made another great special teams play by blocking a punt in the Titan red zone.

The fourth quarter started with a 3 yard touchdown run by Geneva QB Bobby Bondi bringing the score to 7-30. The very next drive Kevin Franz was intercepted by Bradley Roman who returned it 34 yards for a touchdown making the score 7-37.

The Titans put together one more scoring drive with a huge pass from Kevin Franz to Brett Ziegler for a 74 yard touchdown bringing us to a final score of Westminster 14 Geneva 37.

Though the scores were so far apart the Titans defense only gave up a total of 17 points. 7 of those points came after a blocked punt inside the Westminster red zone.

The Titans have a week off before homecoming weekend against Grove City. The game will be at 1:30 September 29th.

When asked about the upcoming game Shane Parker simply replied "We are looking to start off conference play in the right way with a win, I am very excited for it, the season starts on homecoming."

Men's soccer improves to 3-2-1

Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

After the first four games of the season, the Titans have been working hard to improve on their game play.

This really showed as the Titans played two games this past week and were able to come out victorious in one and tie the other moving their overall record to 3-2-1.

On Wednesday, September 12, the Titans traveled to Lake Erie for another non-conference match-up. Both teams came out hard, but te Titans came out on top 2-1. Lake Erie's Alex Goreta was able to score the first goal of the game after 37 minutes.

Both teams continued to battle it out until senior forward Andy Saporito scored the game-tying goal for Westminster with five minutes left in regular play.

This goal would take both teams into overtime where they continued to battle with a scoreless first overtime period. After 107 minutes of overtime play Saporito was able to score another goal to secure another victory for the Titans.

Saporito was able to claim all 15 of Westminster shots as compared to that of Lake Erie's 11. Freshman goalkeeper Lance Leathers was able to make three saves during his first starting game in college play.

"Lake Erie was a very physical team and we were starting to get banged up a bit," Saporito said. "But once we responded to the physical play, and kept plugging away at our scoring opportunities, we finally caught our breaks and were able to come from behind to win."

After claiming another victory, the Titans took on Penn State Behrend at home on Saturday, September 15. Penn State put away the first goal of the game after seven minutes of play. After a long time of playing back and forth Saporito tied the game after scoring 77 minutes into the game from a cross by senior Garrett Horvath.

Neither team was able to score during both rounds of overtime making the final results at tie with a score of 1-1. Freshman goalkeeper Mike Codita obviously added to this as he was able to post 11 saves for the Titan's.

"I am really proud of our team in that we did not give up or slow down after they scored an early goal." states junior defender Justin Rivas, "It just goes to show how we have matured since the first game."

The Titan's will travel to Penn State Beaver on Tuesday, September 18, for a chance to add another win to their record. As for the rest of the season, the Titan's have high hopes.

"The rest of the season looks bright," Rivas said. "After looking at some games we have played already, I think we are ready and capable of beating any team in our conference to bring home another PAC championship."

Titan athletic honors

PAC athletes of the week

Ande Saporito: Men's Soccer

Saporito

Senior Andrew Saporito was named PAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week after scoring three goals on 10 shots as the Titans posted a record of 1-0-1 during the week.

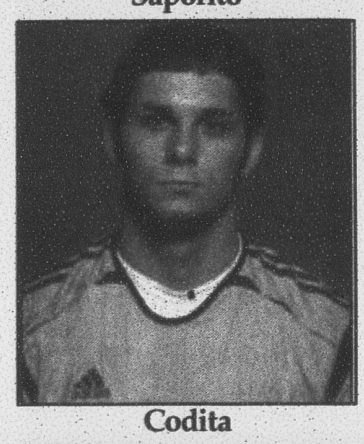
Saporito scored the game-tying goal in the 77th minute in Westminster's 1-1 tie with Penn State Behrend on Saturday. He also scored twice in a 2-1 double-overtime win at Lake Erie on Sept. 12.

Saporito was a second-team all-PAC selection in 2006. He led the PAC with 11 assists, tied for the league lead with 35 points and ranked second with 12 goals.

He is a three-year starter and letterman, he started all 21 matches as a junior (2006), and was voted team's MVP. In addition, he was a second team all-PAC athlete and led the PAC with 11 assists, and tied for the league lead with 35 points, second in goals (12) and third in shots (60.) He had a career-high three goals against Waynesburg.

Saporito is a Elementary Education major from Irwin, Pa.

Mike Codita: Men's Soccer



Codita

Fresman goalkeeper Michael Codita was named PAC Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week after making 11 saves in 110 minutes against Penn State Behrend.

Codita made five saves against the game against Carnegie Mellon where the Titan's went on to lose 0-3.

He also made 13 saves in his college debut against Mount Union on August 31, 2007. Codita is a Business Administration major from Sewickley, Pa.

Lindsey Mellot: Women's Soccer

Mellot

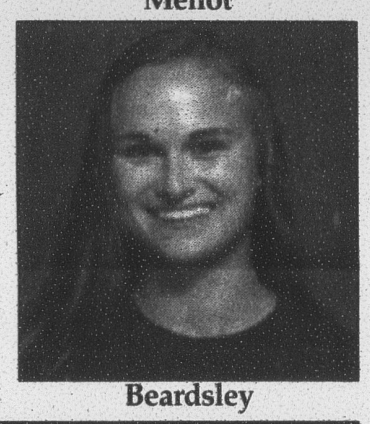
Sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott received PAC Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week honors after registering a shutout for the Titan women's team while making 13 saves in a scoreless double-overtime tie against Penn State Behrend on Saturday.

Mellot is a two-year starter and letter-winner. She started all 22 matches in net as a freshman (2006) and led the PAC in goals against average (0.73) and save percentage (.879, She also logged 1,845 minutes giving up 15 goals. She had a career-high 17 saves against Carnegie Mellon (9/6/06)

Mellott received an honorable mention for the all-PAC team as a freshman

Mellot is a sophomore Biology major from Courtland, Oh.

Elizabeth Beardsley: Women's Cross Country



Beardsley

Sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley earned PAC Women's Runner of the Week honors after she was the highest Westminster finisher at the Penn State Behrend Cross Country Invitational on Saturday. Beardsley placed 12th in a field of 88 runners with a 5-kilometer time of 21:18.15. The Titans placed fourth out of 11 teams at the meet.

Beardsley is one of six letter-winners to return from 2006. She was the team MVP last year after placing 22nd at the PAC Championships to earn second-team all-PAC honors. Beardsley ran the 6-kilometer race at Waynesburg in a time of 26:30. She is also an accomplished track and field athlete. She finished 4th in the 5000 meter run with a time of 19.37.

Beardsley is a sophomore Business Administration major from Warren, Pa.

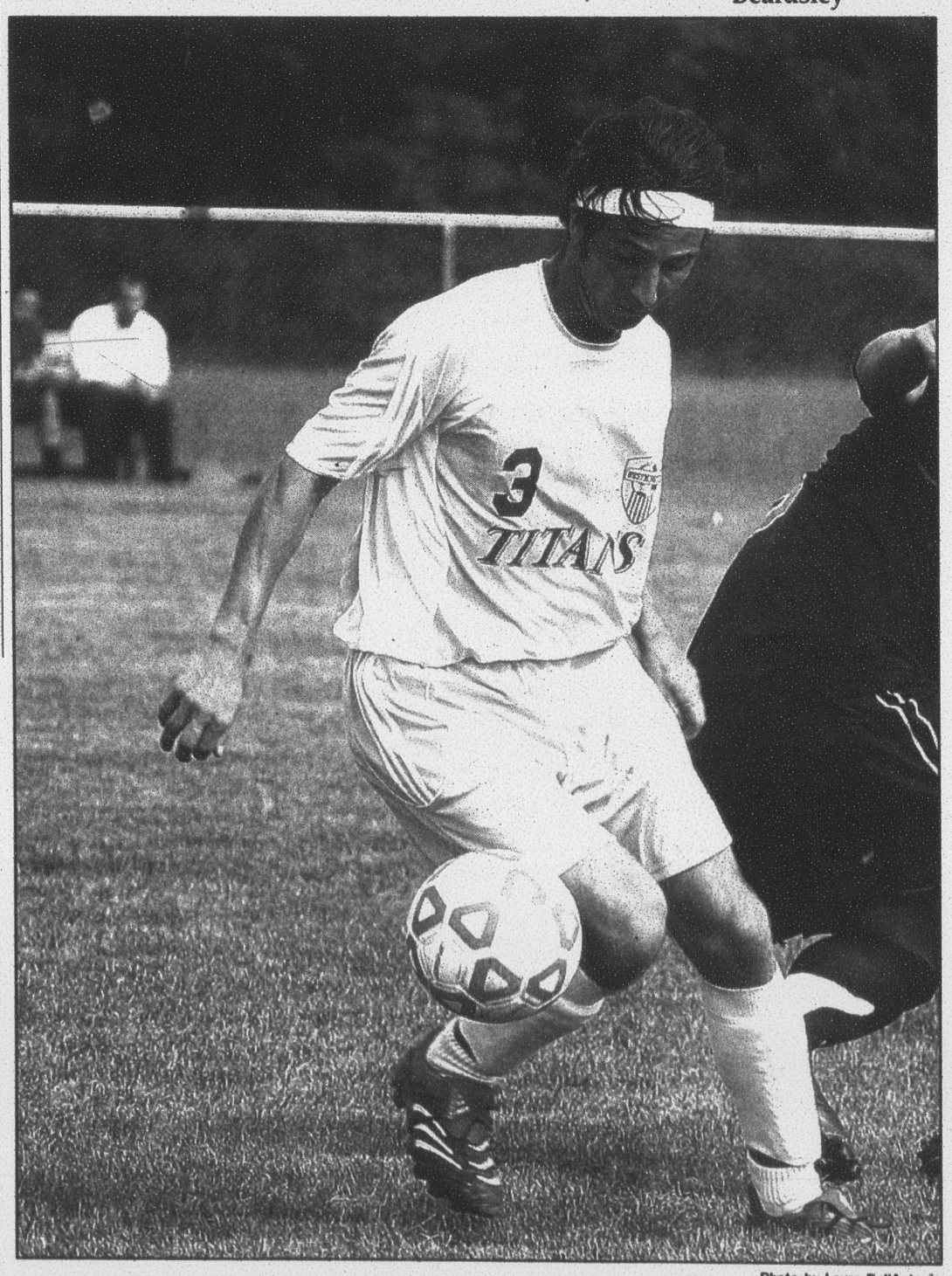


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Ande Saporito steals the ball from a Penn State Behrend player during their game on Saturday. The Titans went on to tie the game after playing two overtimes.

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Random sports fact of the week

ABC is said to be selling 30-second spots during Super Bowl XL for between $2.5 million and $2.6 million, which would be a record price for Super Bowl ads. (More than 86 million people watched the Super Bowl last year in the U.S., according to Nielsen Media Research.)

Calendar

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Voter Registration (MCC TUB)

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Terri Lenox, "What I've Learned from Service Learning" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

12:00 PM Study Abroad Information Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: the Harry Potter Phenomenon (Mugsies)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:00 PM Rotaract Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, September 20, 2007

TBA Men's Golf @ Penn State-Behrend Invitational

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Workshop: The Emotional Quotient, Babs Quincy, Presenter (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Allegheny

5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Club Room)

7:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Rush Party (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Dr. Nancy Macky, California Nuggets – 19th Century Gold Rush Treasures from the Huntington Library (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Peace Studies Movie Night: Black Diamond (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

Friday, September 21, 2007

All-Campus Fall Retreat

FALL EQUINOX

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM A V Week (AV Department)

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Room 352)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:15 PM History/Peace Studies Cluster Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Penn State-Behrend

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Jason Levasseur, Singer/Songwriter (MCC Club and Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Evening (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: 1408 (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 22, 2007

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TBA Men's Cross Country @ Saint Vincent Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ Saint Vincent Invitational

TBA Women's Golf @ Mercyhurst Invitational

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM A V Week (AV Department)

11:00 AM Women's Tennis @ Washington & Jefferson*

1:00 PM Volleyball @ Waynesburg* (at Saint Vincent)

1:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Baldwin-Wallace

3:00 PM Volleyball @ Saint Vincent

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: 1408 (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Evening (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 23, 2007

TBA Women's Golf @ Mercyhurst Invitational

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM A V Week (AV Department)

2:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Bethany*

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: 1408 (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Evening (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, September 24, 2007

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM A V Week (AV Department)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:00 PM SGA Dinner for Presidents of Student Organizations (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:15 PM PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:30 PM Pre-Veterinary Society Meeting (Hoyt 166)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

TBA Men's Golf @ Allegheny Invitational

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM A V Week (AV Department)

12:40 PM Department Chairs' Meeting (Old Main 213)

4:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Baldwin-Wallace

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

6:30 PM Mock Convention Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Eileen Torres, Salsa Dance Lecture and Lesson (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

7:00 PM MedPAC Information Meeting for First-Year and Sophomore Students (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting

Thompson-Clark 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Careers Day Mini Expo (TBA)

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Shannon Smithey, "The Role of Constitutional Courts in Emerging Democracies" (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:40 AM See You at the Pole (Peace Pole)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Volleyball @ Bethany*

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

Joint accounts or investments are likely to suffer a setback. Remain calm and figure out a way to regain your footing and prosper over the long haul.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Do your best to forgive a partner or mate for a minor mistake or oversight. When all is said and done, you will discover that their heart was in the right place.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

It pays to exercise or do physical activity as part of your routine. Get motivated and get going on a stress-busting, calorie-burning project.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Do not hesitate to take a chance on romance or finance this week. Luck sits in your corner and brings unexpected expansion, growth and happiness.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

You tend to be emotionally demonstrative or nurturing. Gather your loved ones around you in order to distribute warm hugs and encouragement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

As a reward for surviving a past experience, you are in a position to benefit greatly. Discuss your thoughts, feelings and aspirations with your siblings or peers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Financial security will be the direct result of careful planning and patience. Bypass a get-rich-quick scheme that could jeopardize all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Someone within your immediate environment could block your energy or progress. Keep your guard up and be very selective of the company that you keep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

You will be intuitively guided to the answers or solutions that you seek. Face up to your fears and heal on the emotional and mental levels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

The accent is on teamwork this week. Join forces with a talented, upbeat group of people and successfully get a challenging project off the ground.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Professional duties and responsibilities are very much on your mind. Take care of pertinent business that could adversely affect your current position or status.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Speak up and show off your mental genius or listening skills. Answer tough, perplexing questions with simplicity and clarity.

If your birthday is this week:

Watch your spending and do your best to stay well within your budgetary limits. Many of your hopes, wishes and dreams are possible now with the aid of close friends or associates.

Straighten out misunderstandings in communication and make sure that you and your colleagues are on the same page. Address your creative needs and find some form of artistic expression that works for you.

Sudoku!

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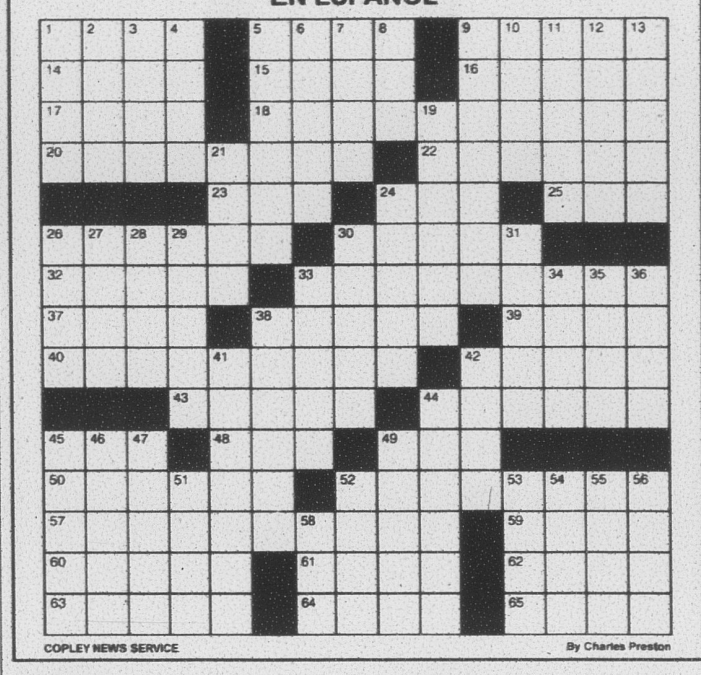

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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9 Wheat variety
14 Dairy case item
15 Extinct birds
16 Song from the 1970s
17 Prevaricator
18 Mexican snacks
20 Ridiculous behavior
22 Like a lily pad
23 LP successors
24 Map abbreviation
25 Verbalize
26 Swordsmen
30 Where to hear 24 Down
32 Shocking
33 Up close and personal
37 Pearl Buck heroine
38 Torments
39 TV's Trebek
40 Bar order
42 Salty solution
43 Dissolute fellows
44 Spoiled
45 Snaky shape
48 Sesame
49 Tarboosh
50 Triangular sail
52 Fantasy land of fabulous wealth
57 Freedom fighters, perhaps
59 Declare
60 ___ Rogers St. Johns
61 Migrant of the 1930s
62 Jazz jargon
63 Mature
64 Adriatic wind
65 City in Yemen

DOWN

1 "Hungry Like the ___"
2 Inter ___
3 Slender
4 Feudal estate owner
5 Changes
6 Has a strong craving
7 Mexican snack
8 Residue
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10 Map of sorts
11 Icelandic literature
12 Tropical vine
13 Peevish
19 Informal musical beginnings
21 Got a high grade on
24 A votre ___
26 Political coalition
27 Humdinger
28 Native of 65 Across
29 Jordanian money
30 Skating competitors
31 Bright
33 Actress Normand
34 Got down
35 Hawaiian goose
36 Yoked animals
38 Two-piece suit
41 Pope's cathedral
42 Fool
44 Waters off Port Sudan
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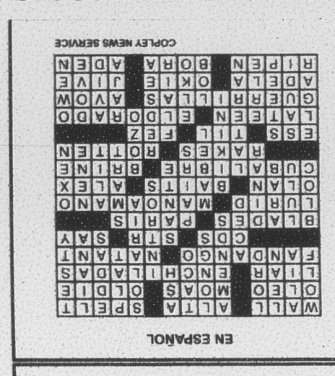


McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

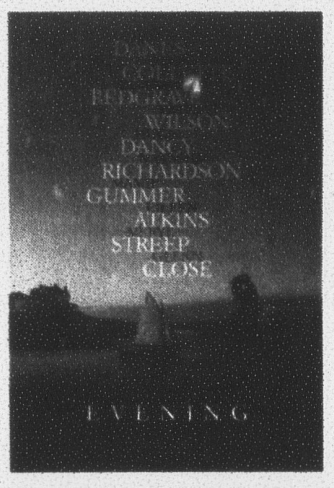
FRIDAY!

Jason Levasseur

"1408"

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Evening"



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8:00 PM Saturday 10:30 PM
3:00 PM Sunday 9:00 PM

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Upcoming Fall Entertainment:

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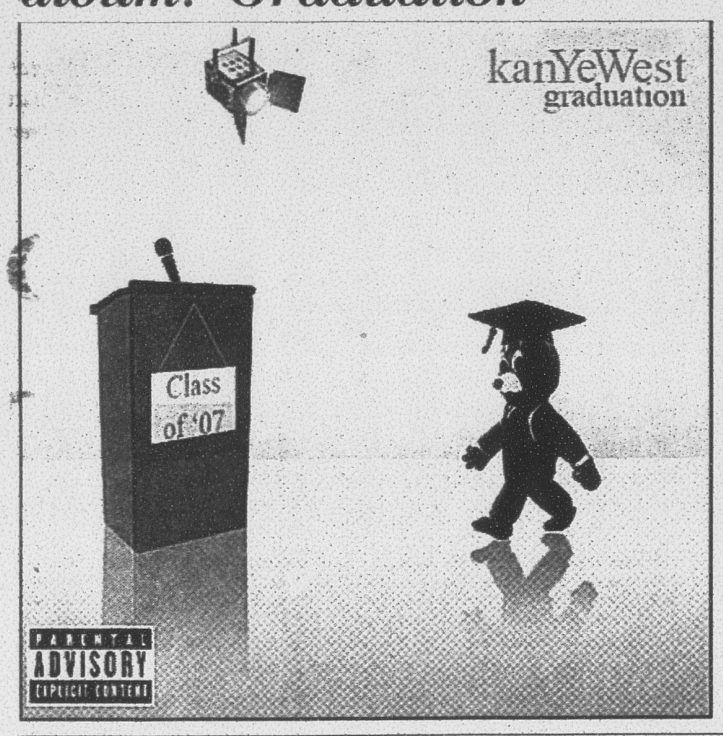
Sept. 28 -The Victory Year-Cloverleaf
Sept. 29 - Johnny Cardinale
Oct. 6 - Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 13 - Lynn Trefzger
Oct 26 - Ben Portz - JD Eicher
Oct. 27 - Night Owl Bowling

Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

Kanye West 'graduates' in his third album

West combines different musical genres on his latest album: Graduation



Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Kanye West has officially graduated.

West's third full-length release entitled *Graduation* is a mash-up of hip-hop, soul, and classical all mixed into one.

Kanye West has always been an artist who pushes the envelope. Whether it be singing about God or slamming President Bush, West refuses to be the typical run-of-the-mill hip-hop artist. So when it comes to his songwriting, you can imagine nothing would be different.

The album opens with "Good Morning," a very mellow and almost minimalistic track featuring a cowbell, synthesizer, and some back-up vocals. Interestingly enough, the song contains samples from the Elton John hit "Someone Saved My Life Tonight," a choice that shows West's ability to incorporate other copyrighted songs tastefully.

The album then moves along to the song "Champion," which is a faster, island-influenced song which again incorporates some non-typical hip-hop instrumentation like distorted-vocals and a synthesizer.

"Stronger," West's first single off the record, incorporates original elements and is catchy, but falls short of his potential. Other standout tracks include "Everything I Am," a feel-good slow jam and "Glory," the catchiest song on the record.

Although the record is full of coarse language and the songs in the middle of the album seems to slun:p, I still love West's voice.

His voice is not too coarse, but it is not too smooth. He has attitude, but not too much attitude. He does not sing about what the typical hip-hop star would sing about either.

Although there are some references to girls on the album, West's main topic is about what is on his heart. Whether it is a social issue, Jesus, or disputes with other rappers, West does not glamorize it with images of Cadillacs and posses. In fact, Graduation's artwork is as original as his music. No pictures, no bling, just a teddy bear getting shot out of a canon after "graduating."

However, West's motives are not entirely clean.

"50 told me go head and switch them styles up and if they hate then let them hate and watch the money pile up."

Do those lyrics sound familiar? They should. They were being played in clubs and radio stations all across America a couple years ago. The song was "In Da Club" and the artist was none-other-than 50 Cent.

I hate 50 Cent. Apparently, so does Kanye West. According to contactmusic.com, the two are in a feud and if 50 Cent's album, entitled Curtis doesn't outsell Graduation, 50 Cent will retire.

"Let's raise the stakes. If Kanye West sells more records than [me] on September 11, I'll no longer [perform] music. I'll write music and work with my other artists, but I won't put out any more solo albums," 50 said in a recent interview.

According to allhiphop.com, West's album did outsell 50's album. However, 50 is pointing the finger.

"It was the label," 50 Cent said. "They're dropping the ball all over the place. I'll release my next album and then I'm a free agent."

Regardless, Graduation is glistening. West is able to take a genre smothered with too many artists with the prefix "Lil" in front of their names rapping about cars, money, and drugs and come out with a beautiful piece or artistry.

Graduation is a record that gleams with originality and class. Minus a few boring songs, West has struck gold with Graduation.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to LOST and the Office, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Sounds like: Lupe Fiasco, Common, Puff Daddy

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

50 Cent album regarded as a bust

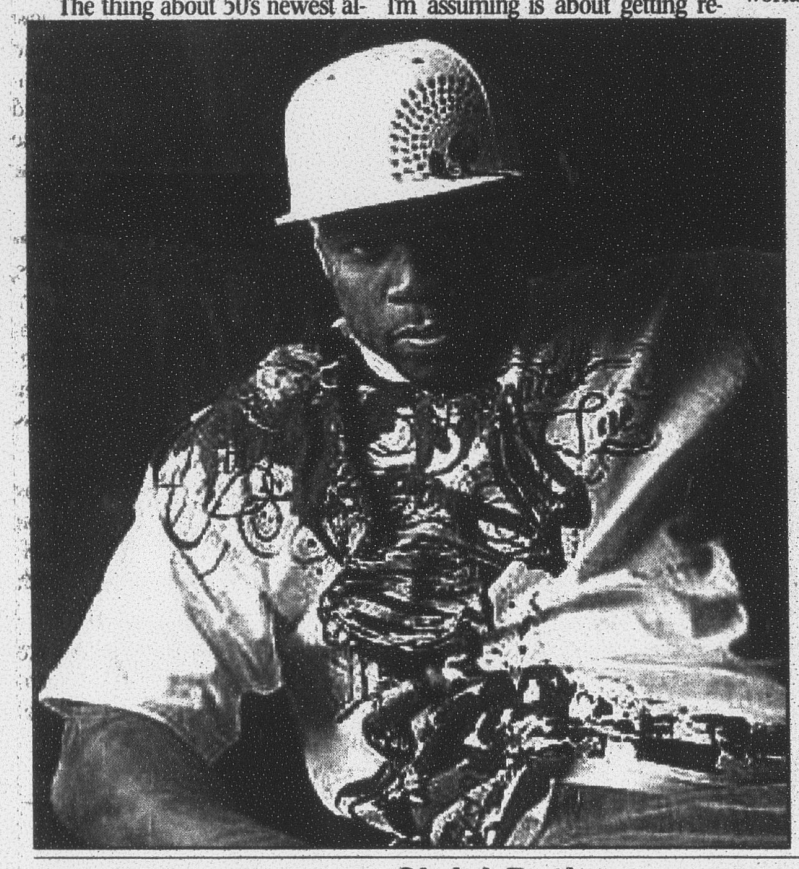
So here's the deal. As most of you know, Kanye West's album *Graduation* and 50 Cent's album *Curtis* both came out on the same day to see who will sell more.

Whichever competitor sells fewer albums will "retire," which in the rap world means pretending to be dead and having a resurrection-like album come out a few years down the road.

I can tell you right now, I have not listened to much of Kanye West's latest record.Although if things play out as they should, West's album will outsell 50 Cent's by far.

The thing about 50's newest album is that it is completely dated. Someone needs to tell "Fifty" that thug rap was out of style about eight years ago. I am not too sure if he was trying to be extra macho by ripping on the police, but that just shows insecurity and a lame sense of toughness.

The fifty-second intro (dialogue from the movie Shooters) gives a preview for what is yet to come on the rest of the record. That being finding a gun and how it can completely demolish a human. Obviously, you'll see that this will be a very happy album. This intro goes right into "My Gun Go Off", which I'm assuming is about getting revenge. I can't possibly imagine this song is only about using a gun. I'm hoping there is more depth to it than this. I can't promise anything though.



As you listen to the rest of the tracks, it seems as if you are listening to different versions of "My Gun Go Off" with slightly different words and rhythmic beats.

In "I'll Still Kill" featuring Akon, 50 banters about how the police do not intimidate him and how if they look at him the wrong way, something horrible will happen to them. This is exactly what I don't understand. I thought the music world has finally graduated from this anti-law enforcement songs.

Can't we rap about something of better taste and more respectable than this?

Apparently not. So you may ask, are there any good songs on this album?

Although it was like nails on a chalkboard to get through *Curtis*, there were a few good tracks. "Ayo Technology" is probably the best track on the album, most likely because it features Justin Timberlake and Timberland. This song is the most diverse musically on the album. Timberlake's smooth vocals flow perfectly on top of 50's. "Ayo Technology's" beat is one that dance parties will eat up.

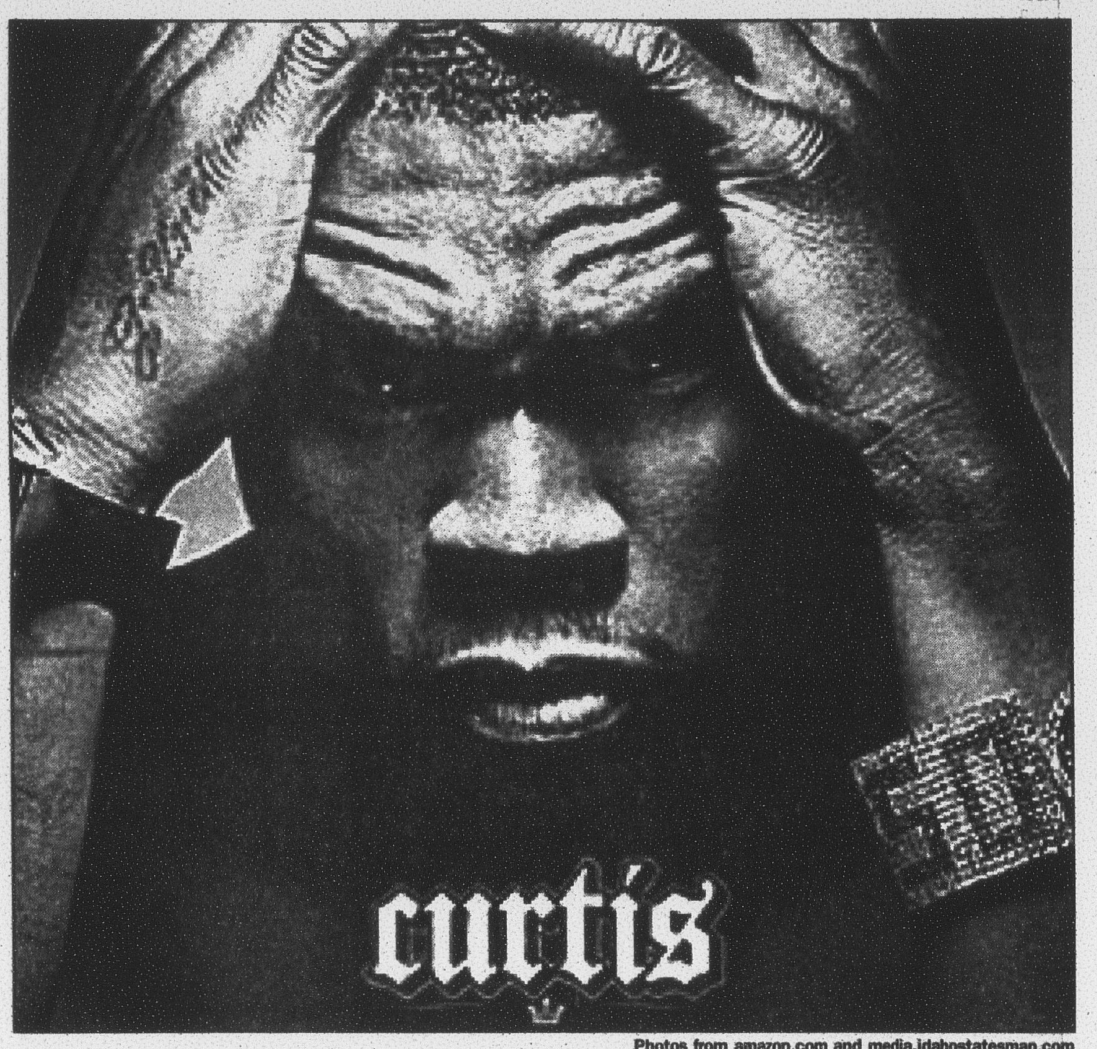
The next best song on the album is "All of Me" featuring Mary J. Blige. It is as if you took Amy Winehouse's "Rehab" and turned it into a rap hit. "All of Me" has a brass-like vibe mixed with the right amount of synth throughout.

On top of that, Blige's singing is at her finest, and it was a great choice to feature her on the main love song of the album.

Along with Timberlake, Blige and Akon, 50 also features Eminem, Robin Thicke, Tony Yayo, Young Buck and Nicole Scherzinger.

Overall, if you like gun shots, sirens, and revenge-like lyrics in your songs, then go ahead and buy the album. Personally, I found it extremely redundant and a waste of my time. Okay, so I may not be the biggest fan of rap, but I was just looking for some attempt by 50 to try and make his music not sound like a fourth grader free-styling for an elementary school talent show.

Unfortunately, Curtis did not change my opinion. I recommend he take some classes with Outkast or Sean "Puffy" Combs on what and what not to do when producing music.



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Chris' Rating: ★★☆☆☆

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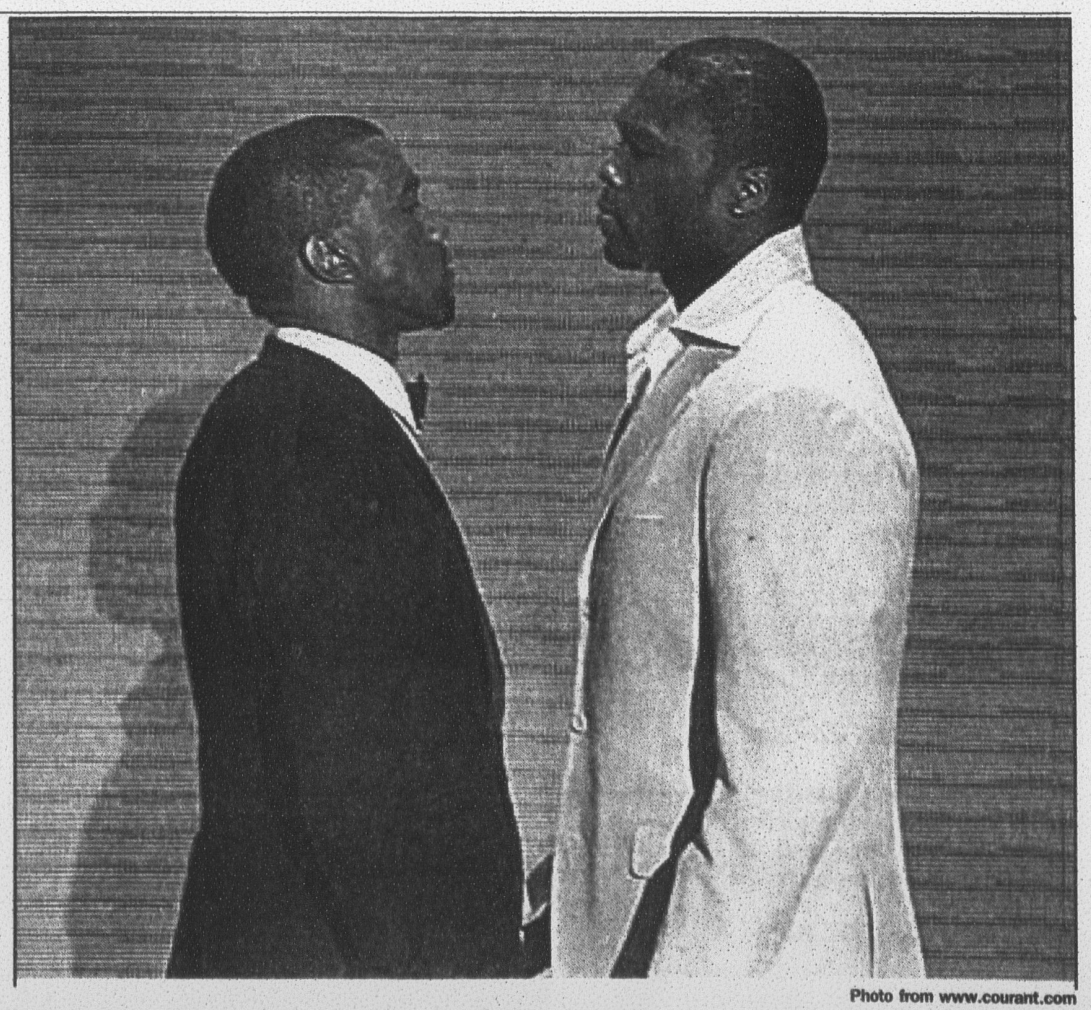

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Arts & Entertainment

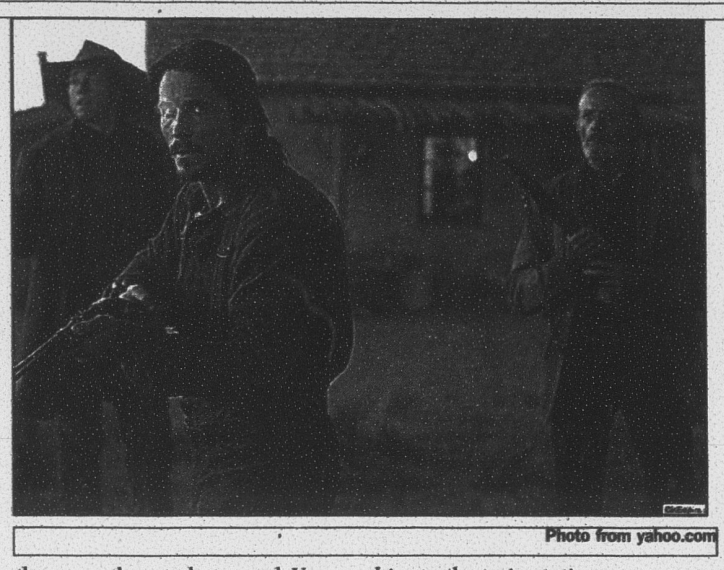
Crowe and Bale in *3:10 to Yuma*

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

Russell Crowe stars as Ben Wade, a cunning outlaw in James Mangold's (*Girl, Interrupted* and *Walk the Line*) *3:10 to Yuma*. Opposite Crowe, is Christian Bale who plays Dan Evans, a poor, crippled rancher and civil war vet who takes the opportunity to bring Crowe in for a two hundred dollar share of the reward.

Evans is facing a railroad buyout of his land and he needs to come up with the money to save his farm. He and his son Will find the outlaw Ben Wade using their cattle to stop a stagecoach he and his gang are robbing. Wade is caught inside the town, and Evans offers his hand in bringing him in – for a reward of course.

Along with Byron McElroy a bounty hunter played by Peter Fonda, Evans sets off to get Wade to Yuma in time for the 3:10 train the next day. Wade is infinitely more intelligent than the average outlaw, and he proceeds to toy with his captors, taunting and probing them as they trek toward Yuma. Meanwhile Will, who idolizes Wade, has been following the group since they left town.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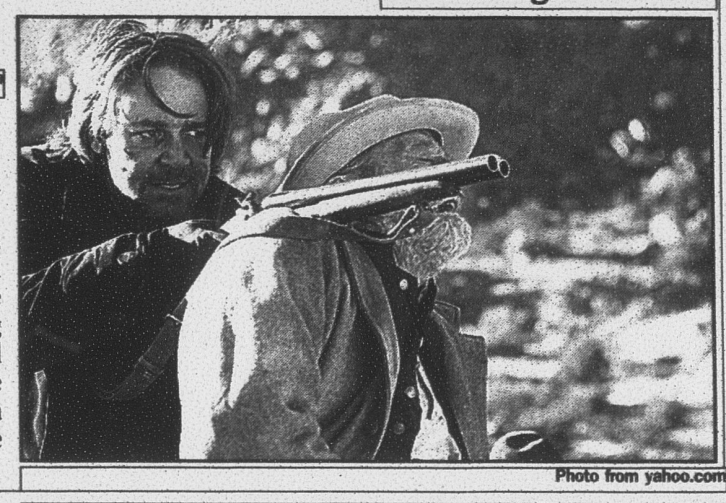
When they make it to Yuma, after facing murderous Indians and miners, Wade's second in command Charlie Prince offers $200 to anyone who guns down any of his captors. All the odds against them, the rest of the posse guarding Wade leave Evans alone in getting him to the train station.

In the fashion of a typical western, Evans is left alone to do what no one else wants to. This is common to the genre which often leaves the hero facing a moral dilemma. The ending scenes are the showcase of the two acting powerhouses in the film, Bale and Crowe. Their two characters have a stunning dialogue in the Yuma hotel room before they enter the running gun fight to the 3:10 train. This scene is the climax of the whole story between Evans and Wade, who end up finding respect for each other.

With good acting, dialogue, and direction, *3:10 to Yuma* is a delightful rendition of the classic western. The beautiful filming locations coupled with good cinematography made a visually stimulating movie as well as one that captured the audience's attention. One of the things I appreciated the most about the film was the characterization. Between the main characters Evans and Wade, a lot of time was devoted to giving you an idea of who they were, and I think their interaction drives the film more than anything. The action sequences were also very intense, although it is somewhat unrealistic.

I give the movie 4 of 5 stars mostly for its storyline and great acting. Any movie that has Russel Crowe and Christian Bale is worth seeing and this one is a good western to boot.

Erik's Rating: ★★★★☆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WEEKEND FRAT ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

ΑΣΦ
Closed Friday
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Police investigated possible threat against K-Fed

LOS ANGELES (AP)– Police investigated a possible threat against Kevin Federline earlier this year, but closed the case because of insufficient evidence, authorities said Monday.

The Los Angeles Police Department probed the allegations in June, but later determined there was not enough information to keep the investigation active, LAPD spokeswoman Norma Eisenman said.

"There is no current investigation," Eisenman said.

The FBI's Los Angeles field office received "nonspecific, uncorroborated allegations regarding a threat against Mr. Federline" and passed the information to the LAPD because it was not a federal matter, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

Ferrell to auction movie role for charity

SAN MARCOS, Calif. (AP) – Will Ferrell is auctioning a cameo spot in his new movie to raise money for a fraternity brother's cancer foundation.

Ferrell came up with the idea to help Craig Pollard's Cancer for College foundation. The two were fraternity brothers at the University of Southern California.

Online bidding will begin Monday and close Sept. 26. Ferrell will announce the winner on Sept. 27, and that person will meet him the next day at the 14th annual Cancer for College golf tournament dinner at Temecula Creek Inn.

The opening bid for the movie appearance is $5,000.

In October, the winner will join Ferrell on set of his new movie, Step Brothers, and appear in a scene.

"What a perfect Christmas present for your son or daughter," Ferrell said. "It is the surefire way to win the parent of the year award. Support this amazing cause, by buying them me."

Pollard, a two-time survivor of Hodgkin's disease, started Cancer for College to provide college scholarships to current and former cancer patients. The charity has awarded $200,000 to 50 cancer survivors since 1993.

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TV networks thinking of ways to keep you from skipping ads

NEW YORK (AP)– Some of the most creative thinking in television these days has nothing to do with comedy or drama. It's about the commercials.

Fueled by a growing sense of desperation, networks are inserting games, quizzes and mini-dramas into commercial breaks. They're incorporating more product pitches into programming. Two experimental programs without traditional commercial breaks will premiere this fall. NBC has even called on Jerry Seinfeld for help.

This is all being done to stop viewers with DVRs from fast-forwarding through advertisements, or to circumvent those that do.

Adding to the urgency, this week Nielsen Media Research begins offering ratings for commercial breaks, instead of just the shows around them.

"We all need to become more creative in how we incorporate sponsors into a program," said Ed Swindler, executive vice president for NBC Universal ad sales. "No one on the creative side or the business side wants to make commercials intrusive, but we do need to commercialize efficiently so viewers can afford to get free television."

An estimated 17 percent of American homes now have digital video recorders. Nielsen estimates that in prime-time, nearly half of 18-to-49-year-old viewers with DVRs are watching recorded programs instead of live ones. Of these, six in 10 skip through the ads.

Figure in bathroom breaks and channel surfers, and that makes for a lot of missed opportunities for marketers – with a lot more coming as DVR use grows.

So far, the most frequent experiment is to insert original content into commercial breaks. The CW network pioneered "content wraps" last year where, in one example, a hair care company ditched the typical ad to present beauty tips and interviews with the network's stars, all involving the company's products.

The CW figured on doing six content wraps at first, but advertisers were so enthusiastic that 20 were done, a spokesman said.

TNT aired a five-episode mini-drama about a young woman, with viewers directed to a Web site – plastered with the sponsoring credit card company's ads – for the finale. Fox created an animated taxi driver, Oleg, who would appear during breaks talking to his passengers. Next month Court TV offers a mystery about an unsolved murder with clues dropped in commercial breaks, online and via text messages; the game's winner gets $25,000. Fans of NBC's "Scrubs" were asked trivia questions at the beginning of a commercial break, the answer appearing in between ads..

Seinfeld will appear in several quick comedy skits for NBC next fall that also promote his upcoming movie.

TBS has tried making commercial breaks a destination. It often bunches a series of funny commercials together and promotes them ahead of time to viewers.

"It makes sense to have a funny commercial in a funny pod on a funny network," said Linda Yaccarino, executive vice president of Turner's ad sales.

Executives at ABC are considering ways to get viewers into an ad before they even realize it. On "Ugly Betty," for example, the camera focuses on a book as its cover dissolves into a commercial. Or there could be a real ad playing on a television that is in the scene of a show.

The CW is readying "cwickies," a series of five-second ads that, by an evening's end, promotes a longer ad. With a sponsor's assist, TNT will air some series premieres commercial-free to entice viewers. Both the CW and Telemundo will premiere shows in the fall – an entertainment newsmagazine and talent contest – with commercials incorporated into the shows.

Comic Jack Benny's radio show would include humorous "phone calls" with executives at the company sponsoring his show, said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

His students yawn in boredom at old black-and-white TV shows, but perk up when they see commercial messages float in. One favorite comes from "The Flintstones," when Fred and Barney take a break from cutting the grass to enjoy their favorite cigarette.

Ford's "American Idol" videos and company-specific "tasks" on "The Apprentice" are the most effective examples of this approach today, Thompson said.

Marketers also need to make their commercials more entertaining and guard against overexposure, he said.

You are not alone

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

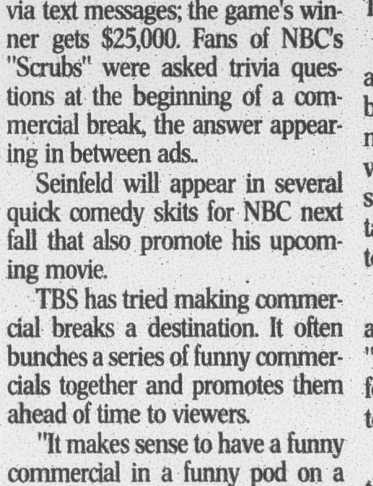
Everyone feels alone once in awhile. At times, there's no one to turn to when we need to talk. Fortunately, Frank Warren can help. Warren's first book published in 2005 called *PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives* was the first installment of an ongoing series.

Each book is composed of postcards sent to Warren anonymously and compiled together with topics ranging from amusing things such as "I put boogers in my husband's soup" to much more serious topics of rape, abortion and drug addiction.

Warren creates a place where people can let their secrets and worries out without anyone judging them. Moreover, he also creates a place where people can learn that they are not alone; they may also find their secret shared by someone else.

People of all ages create postcards to send to Warren, saying such things as "I'm a college professor who worries that my students won't like me" and "I'm 25 and I've never been kissed."

My favorite that I've seen so far is a picture of a boy holding a sign that says: "I believe that I will change the whole world one day (I'm going to do it too!)." It makes me feel inspired that someone else can be so motivated.



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Looking through and reading what secrets people are sharing introduces many emotions, sometimes bringing about laughter, and other times causing shock.

Warren states that "There are two kinds of secrets: those we keep from others, and the ones we hide from ourselves."

His unique way of helping people and displaying art is quite amazing. It is empowering to know that you are not alone; that there are others who feel the same way that you do. Do not hide your secrets, allowing them to weigh you down. Instead, let them out. Tell a friend! Or if you feel you cannot verbally share it, write to *PostSecret*. Warren would love to hear from you!

To write to *PostSecret*, create a legible 4" by 6" postcard and send it to:

PostSecret
13345 Copper Ridge Road
Germantown, Maryland 20874

Check out Warren's other books: *The Secret Lives of Men and Women*, and *My Secret*. Also, look for his new work, released on October 9: *A Lifetime of Secrets*.

Danielle's Rating: ★★★★☆

Features

Don't get stuck in a rut

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

Well, we have officially gotten past the first three weeks of classes. How exciting?

Three weeks is about all it takes for most students to get over the excitement of being on campus and going to class. - if they get excited about going to class at all.

Three weeks is about all it takes to get into the normal routine of going to classes, meetings, and work. Personally, I think getting stuck to the daily grind gets boring and rather tiring.

I wake up, go to class, go to work, do homework, go to lots of meetings, call some friends, go out, and repeat. I feel like I do the same things everyday over and over again.

I know someone out there has to feel the same way. We get stuck in our routines and we do not dare try to mix them up a little bit at the risk of falling out of them.

This past weekend, when given the opportunity to go home and spend some time with my family, I did not. I had too much going on, I insisted to my mom. I'll come home some other time. However, she knows I am just falsely encouraging her.

Last year, I went home one weekend besides the ones the school kicked me out for breaks. It was not that I did not want to go home. I could think of lots of people I would love to see, but I am a creature of habit.

Once I have my life set up a certain way, I like to keep it that way. If it does not repeat in its cyclical path, I become extremely disgruntled and unwilling to cooperate with my own life.

After confiding this in each of you, it should be no big surprise that I have spent a lot my time disgruntled lately. I think life has dealt me what I am sure it thinks is a hysterical hand of cards.

I was pretty sure I had my life here all figured out. My friends, roommate, boyfriend and schedule were set for the rest of my time here. Then life happened. One of my best friends and my roommate are in Oxford this semester and my boyfriend is thousands of miles away in Rome. All of this together has significantly altered my schedule. For my first two weeks here, I was completely lost as to what to do with myself at meal times and Friday nights. I have no one to laugh with at 1:30 in the morning when I am watching "Golden Girls" reruns, a roomie favorite late night activity.

One of six kids, I am not used to living by myself. It is the first time I ever have.

Some would call this moping. My desire for things not to change. I call it adjusting. I just was not very happy about it.

I was stuck. I was content to be frozen in the amber of my past. I was unwilling to explore the promises of what my new day could give me.

The members of U2 sing this in the song, "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of",

"I was unconscious, half asleep
The water is warm till you discover how deep
I wasn't jumping for me it was a fall
It's a long way down to nothing at all
You've got to get yourself together
You've got stuck in a moment and you can't get out of it
Don't say that later will be better now
You're stuck in a moment and you can't get out of it."

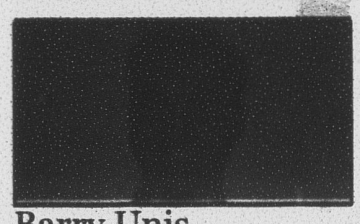
I think sometimes I do get stuck. I could move on to other things. I just cannot bring myself to do so. It is not until I am willing to cooperate that I can stop "moping" and adjust.

As people we are all creatures of habit. We have emotions and we desire for things to be a certain way, usually the same way. That is fine, as long as we do not get stuck there, unwilling to at least explore.

We do not want to get so set in our ways that we are unable to get out of them and move on to something else.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Rumors should not hinder interest in an organization



Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

What is diversity?

"Well, I-I could be wrong, but I believe, uh, diversity is an old, old, wooden ship that was used during the Civil War era."

Anchorman's Ron Burgundy is wrong, although it would be sweet if I got to oversee an old wooden ship.

With all joking aside (at least for now), let's dive into one aspect of my platform as diversity chair.

One of my goals is to facilitate interest in the variety of groups Westminster has to offer.

Let's start with the Greek population. Choosing to go Greek was one of the best and worst decisions of my life.

It was good to go Greek, not only because I befriended the brothers of my fraternity, but also because I was instantly connected to over 40% of the campus' other Greeks.

I gained interpersonal skills at the face-to-face level, and I improved my management skills when I organized events for over 500 people in last year's Greek Week.

I made connections with established alumni in my field of interest.

I utilized a chapter house at Ohio University when I was conducting capstone research there. I paid nothing for a week, while another Westminster student paid hundreds of dollars in hotel costs.

Going Greek was a bad choice for me, because it caused me a lot of stress, which was mostly my doing.

I'm incredibly happy with the Greek community at Westminster. Greeks from different organizations get along much better here than other schools' Greeks do, and I'm incredibly appreciative when Greeks come together for a common goal.

Unfortunately, though, there will always be some form of trash-talking. Some people have to bring others down instead of bring themselves up.

The thing that bothers me the most right now is the amount of trash-talking done by first-years. I don't understand how someone can insult a fraternity that they haven't even visited or gotten to know. I'm sure the same thing will happen with the sororities once their parties start, if it hasn't happened already.

It's okay for first-years to want to get into a certain fraternity already, but they should realize that they don't have to talk down on the other ones.

Also, stop listening to stereotypes, believing them, and spreading rumors. I didn't give a fraternity a shot my freshman year because of stereotypes and I regret it.

Here's a fun one. Just because a fraternity or sorority has a sport associated with them, doesn't mean that you have to be a part of that sport to join that organization. On the other hand, just because you play that sport doesn't mean that you have to join that fraternity or sorority.

Also, if you don't get along with a single member of an organization, there are usually dozens of others in the groups that you could befriend.

This applies to all campus organizations, not just Greek ones.

I'm sorry if this was more rant-and-rave than intelligent, articulated opinion, but I find it incredibly frustrating that this is supposed to be a liberal arts college with open-minded people when I hear people closed-mindedly pass off an organization as unworthy of their time because of a stereotype or a rumor.

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the place on campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

Students explore Oxford

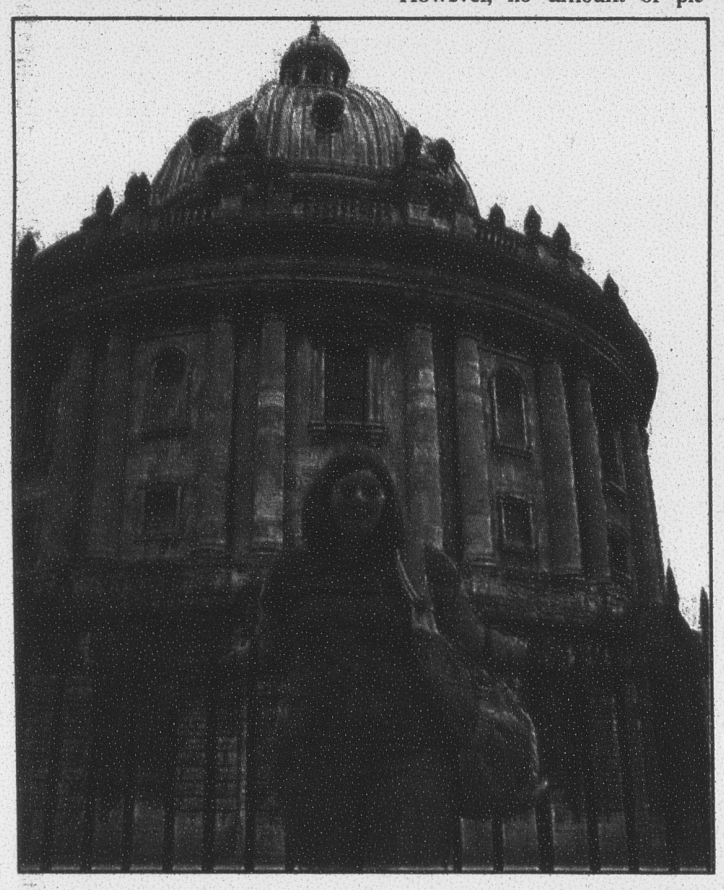
By Shannon Richter
Features Writer

Twenty-seven knackered students settled at Oxford City in the United Kingdom after 10 hours of air travel, dodgy airplane food and a dreadful customs line on September 6.

Accompanied by professors Dr. Deborah Mitchell, English,, and Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow, sociology, students live with British families, attend Pembroke College of Oxford University and acclimate themselves to British living.

As one of the students privileged to travel with CAPA (Centers for Academic Programs Abroad) as a part of the college's Oxford program, I hopefully will help everyone on campus share the sights and experiences with their peers overseas.

However, no amount of pictures, guidebooks, or stories can portray the first breathtaking glimpse of Oxford.



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Above: Shannon Richter in front of the Radcliffe Camera - the first rotunda built in Oxford, it currently houses a library

Right: Christ Church College. The large hall in the back was replicated by filmmakers for the Harry Potter films

The vibrant and lively city surrounds and weaves through world-renowned Oxford University, which comprises of 38 colleges. The students study at Pembroke College, alma mater of Samuel Johnson, J.R.R. Tolkien and J. William Fulbright.

While in England, students live with British host families to better immerse themselves within the culture that share so many similarities, yet even more differences with that of the United States.

From a host father who speaks only Croatian to several blown up hair straighteners and blow dryers, students have made several adjustments to adapt to the new culture.

On a memorable tour through Oxford City, I was overwhelmed by the vast age and history that enhances nearly every aspect of Oxford. To give perspective, New College, one of the branches of the university, was 'new' in 1379. Students have the opportunity to walk the same paths that Oscar Wilde, C.S. Lewis, and Lewis Carroll once traveled.

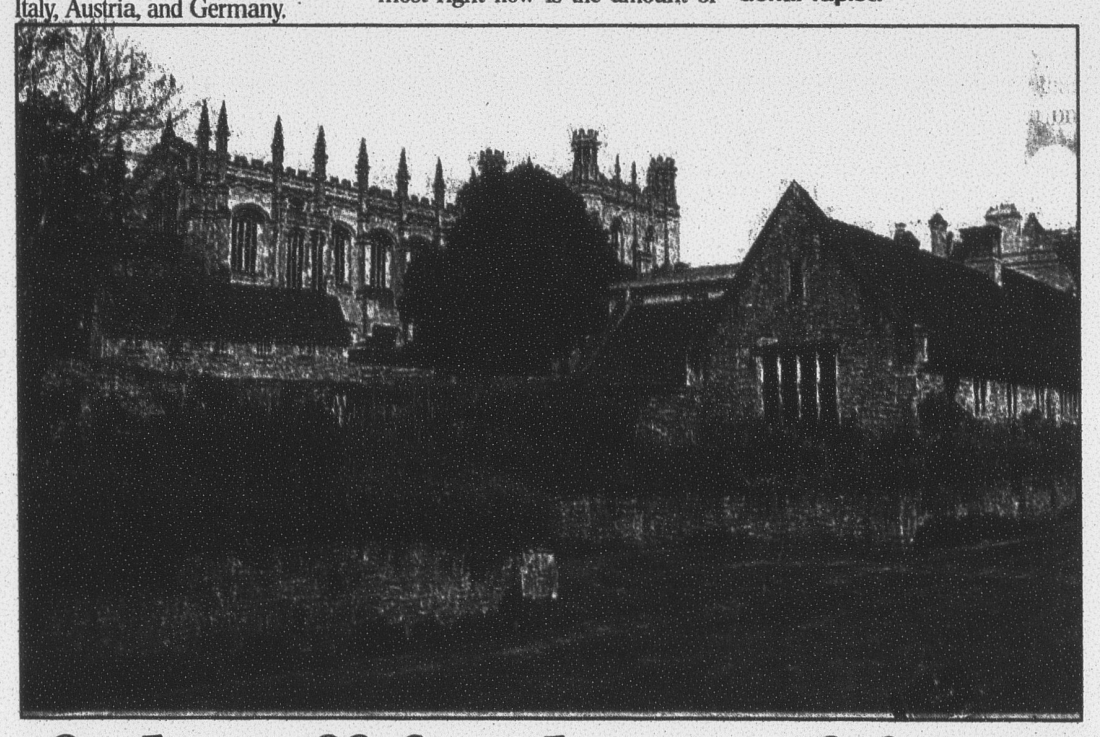
There is no silence quite like that within the Bodleian Library, one of the oldest libraries in Europe, located at the heart of Oxford. A series of underground tunnels and passages lead to where nearly 110 miles of shelving hold over 7 million volumes.

This, of course, made my English major heart soar to the top of St. Mary's Church, the tallest tower in Oxford, which I climbed to behold a full panoramic view of the city.

In addition to the general splendor of the university, Oxford City is a unique place blending an awe-inspiring history with the vivacity and diversity of modern life. The streets burst with pubs, bicycles, and buses, as one would expect in England, as well as a plethora of shops and restaurants for every taste, culture, and curiosity.

Oxford also gains fame from the blockbuster Harry Potter films. A tour weaves throughout the colleges emulating places related to the hit movies, including the dining hall of Christ Church College which filmmakers replicated for Hogwarts' Great Hall.

Students will embark on group excursions to London, Chawton, Winchester, and Bath for the Jane Austen Festival. We are free to travel on weekends and during a 10 day break in mid-October. Already students booked trips to Belgium, Italy, Austria, and Germany.



Fluffy fruit salad will help fight off freshman fifteen

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

I've got two words to say about staying healthy this semester: freshman fifteen. The "freshman fifteen" is the phrase used for student weight gain (about fifteen pounds) after college life (cafeteria food and computers) has had its impact.

I am not speaking exclusively to the freshmen when I write this though, because after a summer away from college the freshman fifteen can easily turn into the sophomore fifteen, the junior fifteen, or the senior fifteen.

At college, whenever you get hungry you can just waltz down to the cafeteria to a variety of pre-pared foods–which is a great thing if you know your limits and pay attention to what you eat.

However, the more busy and hectic you find your life on campus to be, the more hurried you are when you slap that fried-something on your plate and scarf it down so that you can move on to your evening club meeting.

There's no mom and dad around to make you homemade meals or instruct you in the ways of the food pyramid. What is the food pyramid again?

You find yourself staying up later to study and socialize. Somewhere between your first night and your second week on campus you've adopted the theory that chocolate is the most vital of the five food groups, and without it the brain might stop functioning.

While sugar might be a short-lived stimulant to awaken the study-zombie in each of us, it is still only a bad imitation of motivation.

Many of the processed foods we love to munch are high in sugar and low in any nutritional goodness.

As an English major I consider myself a pretty good reader, but I was disappointed to find that I could not decipher half of the ingredients on the box of my favorite snack cakes. I have a feeling that isn't a good thing.

When we deal with our food choices, we need to exercise power and control. Power is knowing what you eat and how to cook for yourself when fast-food just isn't giving you the energy you hoped for. Control is having the meal plan that allows you to eat four slices of cake at dinner, and still resisting the urge to gorge yourself on chocolate frosting.

Late night munching isn't the only cause of the college weight gain phenomenon. In this age of high-speed computers, we spend a lot of time in the dorms attached to our machines of point-and-click wonders.

If someone holed themselves up in isolation years ago, they would have come out of their cave as an oblivious hermit.

Not today, with media and communication on a high-speed laptop sitting on the desk beside our bed. While the way we maintain such connectivity from our dorm rooms is impressive from a technological standpoint, the sedentary lifestyle that might grow from never getting up from that swivel chair is not.

Simply put, sitting on your rear in front of a computer for hours is fun for your brain, but bad for your body.

So dust off your cobwebs and head over to Marti Park for a walk, or to the Marge Walker Center for a workout. I think I'm going to start by dealing with my addiction to chocolate.

If you're trying to keep healthy this semester, then I've got a recipe just for the occasion. Try this fruity substitute for an otherwise unhealthy dessert of canned icing.

Fluffy Fruit Salad

Difficulty: Cooking 101 advised, but not required

Ingredients:

1 (20 oz) can of unsweetened pineapple tidbits, drained

1 (16 oz) can whole-berry cranberry sauce

1 (11 oz) can mandarin oranges, drained

1 (8 oz) carton light frozen whipped topping, thawed

½ cup pecan halves

Lettuce leaves, optional

Lump the pineapple, cranberry sauce, and oranges into a bowl, and stir them all together. Fold in the whipped topping. Dollop about ½ cup of the mixture onto lettuce leaves for effect and add a few pecans on top.

Makes 14 servings or enough for you and 13 fellow fitness freaks.

Cost: $5.70

Helpful Tip: No matter how strange a cooking concoction may turn out, try putting the food on or near vegetables such as lettuce. The fancy arrangement may distract a dinner guest from the taste.

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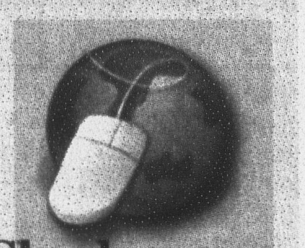

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Walk through the "Doors of Westminster"

Homecoming theme encourages alumni to 'get some memories flowing'

By Carrie Hill
Campus Writer

Alumni will be welcomed back through old and new doors this weekend during the Homecoming celebration.

The 2007 Homecoming weekend is centered on the theme "Doors of Westminster." Mary James, director of alumni relations, said that she and her staff chose this theme because they felt that it would give a welcoming and nostalgic feeling to the alumni returning to campus. Many buildings on campus have unique doors, and looking at them will hopefully inspire good memories.

"We wanted to get some memories flowing," James said.

James estimated that at least 400 alumni will be on campus for the more-organized events like luncheons and lectures that required reservation. She also estimated that about 1,000 alumni would attend other events, like the football game, not requiring reservations.

SGA will kick off the festivities on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. with a pep rally in the TUB. The Titan mascot, cheerleaders and SGA will be handing out free T-shirts featuring the theme of the weekend and blue megaphones for students to use to show school spirit at all sporting events. SGA will announce the names of the homecoming court and read brief biographies of the candidates as they come into the TUB. Sports teams will also be honored as they come down the center stairway.

"All sports teams will be recognized this year, not just the fall teams," said Ashley Ray, SGA special events chair.

Alumni will start arriving on Friday for the weekend's activities, starting with chapel led by the Rev. Dr. John C. Peterson, a 1952 graduate. After chapel, alumni will have a new opportunity which the alumni office calls "open door classes." Alumni will be able to sit in on four different classes throughout the afternoon.

"They will get a chance to see what it is like to be a student at Westminster today," James said.

Saturday, Sept. 29, will be a busy day for returning alumni. The day begins with the annual homecoming parade. The theme for floats this year is board games. James believes that the theme will produce a fun parade. Saturday will also provide opportunities for tours, luncheons and reunions as well as the high point of the weekend for alumni and students alike: the football game at 1:30 p.m. with the Titans facing the Grove City Wolverines. At the game, the alumni association will have a tent with information about the weekend as well as some light refreshments. The association has always had a tent at the game, but this year a group of education majors will be hosting an area for children of alumni to have some fun while their parents reminisce with old friends.

As always, the football game

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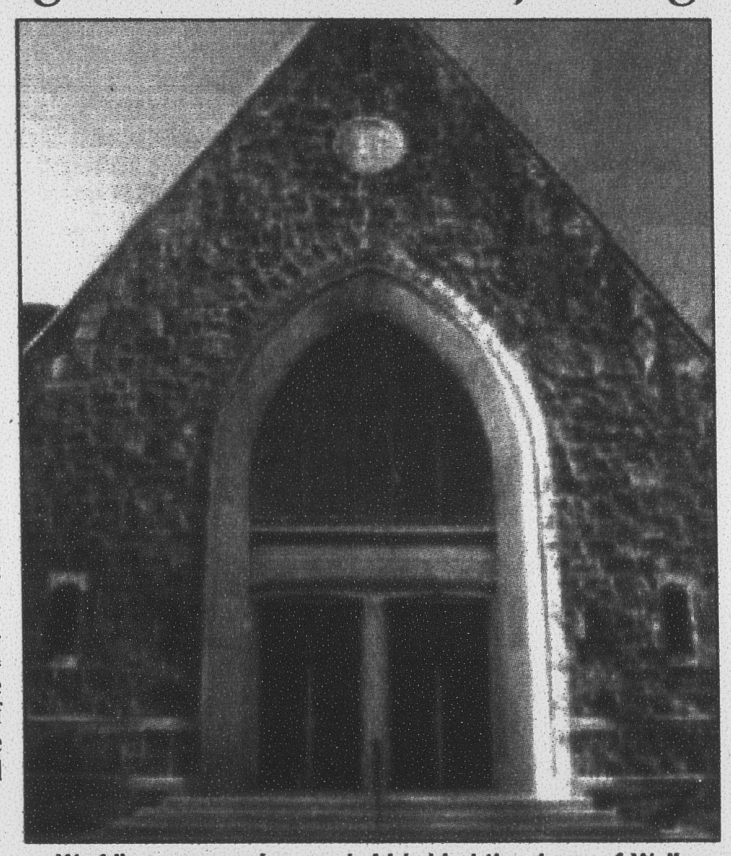

Wedding ceremonies are held behind the doors of Wallace Memorial Chapel where alumni often choose to tie the knot.

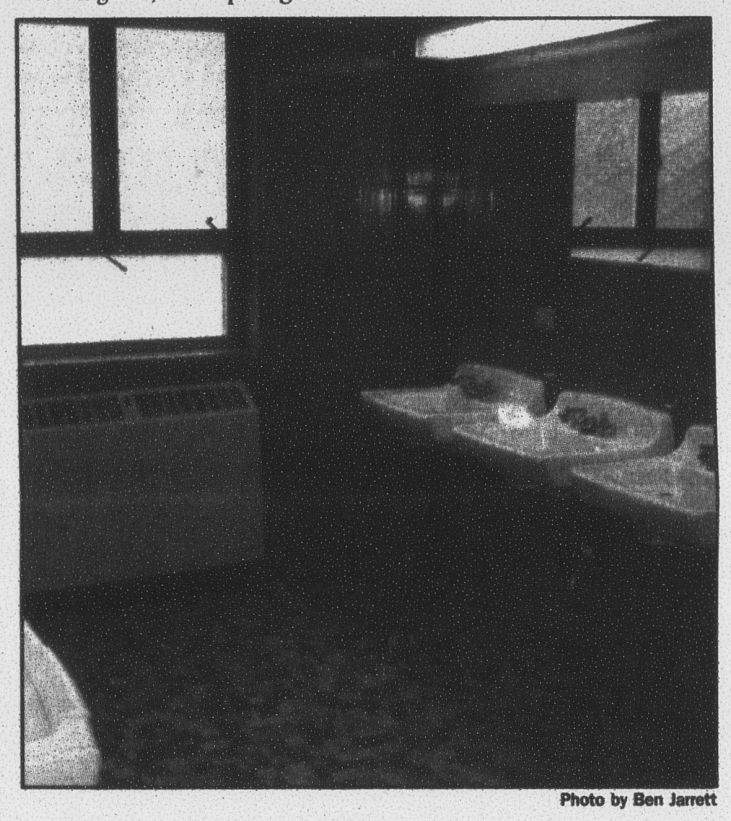

Photo by Ben Jarrett

The approximately $3 million Residence Hall Improvement Project has begun based on survey results from last year.

Residence hall renovations begin

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

Last year, all students living in residence halls filled out surveys concerning what could be improved in their buildings. This year, the college is listening to what the students said and is doing something about it.

The Residence Hall Improvement Project began this past summer and has been earmarked for about $3 million. During this project, the office of student affairs, the physical plant and the hired contracting company, Jeemco, will renovate all residences halls, save for Berlin Village and Thompson House, in accordance with surveys the Residence Hall Improvement Committee conducted last October.

"I think that it is the perfect time to begin these renovations," junior Ashley Carnahan said. "Because of the surveys that were taken last year, there are a lot of improvements that will soon be made that will be beneficial to everyone!"

During the 2007-2008 school year, renovations will include cleaning the outside stone of Browne Hall, replacing the ceiling tiles in Eichenauer Hall with, hopefully, break-resistant ones and painting the Eichenauer common areas, like hallways and the lobby.

In Galbreath Hall, bathroom renovations will commence on the third floor's south wing. Gina Vance, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, said that all residence halls will be seeing major transformations in the bathrooms.

"I'm hoping to use this [Galbreath's bathroom] as more of a prototype for fixtures and lighting," Vance said.

Most of the bigger projects will be completed over the break periods, including the bathroom changes and replacing the windows in all halls.

"We have been intentional about scheduling the most disruptive projects to summer and winter breaks," Vance said.

In Hillside Hall, lobby renovations will be completed, floor to ceiling, and during winter break, cosmetic work will be done on the stairwells. For the lobby renovations, Vance is pleased to report that students will have the opportunity to give their input in the colors and fabrics used. Jeffers Hall will see new carpeting in the hallways.

Shaw Hall will see major changes, too. For example, during the summer of 2008, construction crews will be tearing out the stationary desks and replacing them with the movable desks that most other residence halls boast. This will give the women who live there more freedom with how they arrange and decorate their rooms.

See **Renovations**, *A-4*

The search for a new president

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

The search for the new president continues as President R. Thomas Williamson prepares to retire.

Over the past year the presidential search committee has been interviewing potential candidates. The new president is expected to take on his role on July 1, 2008.

"It will be sad to see President Williamson go," junior Tara Pregibon said. "It will be nice to see a new face on campus as our leader, and this position opening up will also give someone else a great opportunity."

The presidential search committee is made of 14 members, who include the board, alumni, faculty, staff, students and community members. They will continue to vote and review different prospects for the next six weeks.

After traveling off campus for interviews, the committee will narrow down the candidates to six individuals.

"After we have chosen the final three candidates, we will invite them to the campus with their spouses to meet the campus community," said Gloria Cagigas, vice president of institutional advancement and the campus liaison. "This will give the campus and community a chance to get to know the potential candidates before their next president is chosen."

A list of specific leadership roles has also been put together describing what the next president needs to demonstrate.

According to these leadership roles, community is key as part of the next president's position. Building and supporting the community will make up most of the president's work.

In addition, members of the college community have put together a list of leadership credentials for the future president. Providing distinguished and trusted leadership, extending enrollment reach and quality, integrating academic and co-curricular activities are just a few.

The future president must maintain certain attributes. Illustrating successful leadership styles, commitment to the education system and understanding the importance of the Christian faith and Titan athletics are a few of these attributes.

"We have worked hard to put together this list of what we see a successful president will be here at Westminster College," Cagigas said. "We feel these show what a president should possess and learn during his/her time as president."

For more information, these attributes and credentials are posted on the campus Web site. Leonard Carroll is available to answer questions or concerns.

More updates will be available in mid-November on the process of searching for the future president.

Distinguished alumni Rice and Tarr to give lecture presentations

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The Distinguished Alumni Lecture Presentations will feature honored alumni guests, including Paul M. Rice, Susan Akerstrom Tarr and Dr. Tuesdae Rogers Stainbrook, on Friday, Sept. 28.

Rice, speaking on behalf of the education department, will give his speech, "Keep Your Head Up and Your Feet Moving" from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Wallace Memorial Chapel. Tarr, chosen to speak for the modern language department, will present "Modern Language Education: Good Preparation for Modern Life" from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Mueller Theater. Lastly, Stainbrook will speak for the biology department in Phillips Lecture Hall from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Rice is a 1978 graduate. He played on the National Championship Football Team in 1976, was tri-captain in 1977 and was captain in 1979. In 1982, Rice earned his master's degree in education from Youngstown State University.

Professor Darwin Huey from the education department thinks highly of Rice.

"Rice is an academic all-American," Huey said. "He is a scholar athlete and truly a gentleman."

For 30 years, Rice has been a mathematics teacher at Boardman High School. He spent 18 years as the assistant football coach, 10 years as an assistant baseball coach and eight years as president of the Teachers' Union. Rice is also an elder in his Presbyterian Church.

Rice is married to Diane Rice, an instructor at the Jameson School of Nursing. He is also the father of twin daughters, Allison and Julie.

Linda Domanski, chair of the education department, helped get Rice to speak.

"We are so pleased he decided to come," Domanski said. "He is articulate, hilarious, intelligent, and loves kids. He is also an inspiration to math students and teachers."

Tarr is a summa cum laude 1970 graduate, who earned a bachelor's degree in French. At the University of North Carolina, sh

See **Alumni**, *A-5*

Three parties join for voter registration

By Leah Hast
Campus Writer

For the upcoming 2008 election, three on-campus parties joined together for another successful voting drive.

The Democratic, Republican and Green parties held a voter registration drive Sept. 17 through Sept. 19 in the TUB during lunch hours. On these three days, students and faculty had the chance to register to vote in one of the 50 states. However, absentee ballots were only available for Pa. and Ohio.

This year's voter registration drive brought in an estimate of 55 people, making it five more than last year's drive. The parties were "very satisfied with the turnout," Steve Ruperto, president of the Democratic Party said.

This is the fourth voter registration drive that the Democratic and Republican parties have done together and the first year the Green Party has joined. The three parties decided to come together for two reasons.

First, they both believe in a common goal; it is important for more young people to vote. Second, it is easier to work and sponsor the event together. "I think it's very important young people get involved in the voting process at an early age because the votes that they cast now will impact their lives for many years to come," Ruperto said. President of the Republican Party, Kevin Oshnock, has a serious pet peeve regarding the idea that so many people on campus seem to not care about voting.

"Nationally, people our age don't vote," said Oshnock. "Congress is never going to care about us until we vote."

See **Voters**, *A-4*

Opinion

Weekly glop - stereotyping

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

This week I am going to consider the stereotyping of different organizations on campus. I am writing in response to and supporting Barry Unis' article last week, regarding diversity and acceptance among organizations on campus. I will start with my opinion on one of his main points and then move on to some of my own.

One of the more important points that Barry made concerns the trash -talking that occurs when dealing between Greek organizations and their members. This occurs with other groups on campus as well, but is most prevalent with social fraternities and sororities.

Barry discussed stereotypes of different Greek organizations. I would like to expound upon the stereotype given to Greek organizations as a whole.

Many people think of Greek life as concerned with only two things, drinking and partying. Of course, these things do go on at the fraternities' houses on the weekends. I'm sure most who criticize the fraternities for this are down at the houses mooching alcohol and enjoying themselves anyways, but we can save hypocrisy for another column.

Contrary to this belief however, Greek life is most centered on philanthropy. For instance, the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau hosted Phi Tau Phest at the beginning of the semester for their philanthropy.

It was a dry event which supported not only the organization it was raising money for, but also helped different local bands to perform and get their names known to some of the new arrivals on campus.

The sorority Zeta Tau Alpha is hosting Shoot for the Cause in order to raise money for their philanthropy as well.

These are just two examples of events that "social" fraternities and sororities have hosted in order to help better our community and the lives of those in need, with many more to come this semester and the next. Social Greeks will continue to hold these events whether or not people stereotype them as "frat guys" or a bunch of drinkers.

This type of false, negative stereotyping of organizations does not just deal with the social Greek community however; there are other organizations on campus, large and small, that have to deal with the same stereotyping as the Greeks.

I had the privilege near the start of the year to be part of three different groups with tables at the Activities Fair. As I'm sure almost all of you know, the Activities Fair is meant for incoming freshmen to get a taste for what the campus has to offer in terms of its clubs and organizations.

I was walking throughout the tables at the fair for most of the night and I overheard some distressing things.

There were certain organizations that shall remain nameless actually telling freshmen not to go to certain tables. I was interested to hear if they were saying anything constructive so I eavesdropped a little.

I was not surprised to find that they were not. Instead of telling the freshmen why they should join their club, they were telling them that they were better than the other clubs and why the views of some of the other clubs were not worth exploring. Of course, this had to do mostly with the political themed ones.

The members of the organizations guilty of this need to realize that putting down other people, or clubs in this case, for no other reason other than disagreeing with them should probably return to kindergarten so that they can relearn how to work and play nice with others.

The same goes for those stereotyping the Greek community. Just because you don't drink, or you think partying is morally wrong, does not mean that you should talk down to or about others who are fine with it.

If you disagree with what an organization does and know nothing about it, do one of two things: either get to know them better so you can form a well-constructed argument as to why you disagree with them, or just keep it to yourself.

Anthony Colwell is a mathematics and philosophy double major. He is also constantly in search of the secret of the ooze.

"I'm not sure which will be harder to endure the second time around . . . another O.J. trial or more debate on Hillary's health care plan."

"They're not held accountable for stuff they do in Iraq? Gee, maybe I should be a Blackwater contractor."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Substance Over Style, Part II

Last week, Holcad columnist Anthony Colwell wielded his literary hammer to chip away the wall of administrative ignorance by suggesting that the "college needs to get its goals in line."

We agree with Mr. Colwell and believe his proof is in enrollment statistics. As alumni we are deeply concerned by the declining number and quality of applicants over the past few years and suggest that this should be a major concern for the administration of Westminster College.

Alumni donations are being directed towards the beautification of Lake Britain project, stronger ties with the Presbyterian Church and, now, AstroTurf. These projects are highly visible, while the academic climate on campus is largely invisible to the average observer and to alumni.

But if there is a canary in the collegiate coal mine, it is declining enrollment. Successively poor enrollment statistics point towards a deteriorating academic environment and a failed institutional strategy.

The college simply cannot afford to try to keep up with Slippery Rock's campus apartments or Grove City's religious atmosphere. We've tried that for several years and our admissions statistics clearly show that the strategy has been largely ineffective.

While these priorities have taken root, the Dean of Academic Affairs has cut, attempted to cut, or refused funds to support growth of a number of academic programs. Has the administration become so caught up in a web of amenities and ideology that it can no longer focus on core competencies?!

We hope the presidential search will provide an opportunity to sharpen the focus on what should be the primary concern for a liberal arts institution: academics. As alumni descend on New Wilmington this weekend, may they remember the past is not the present, a closer eye will reveal Westminster is not a bed of roses.

An administration that supports academic initiatives, such as the CDC/ad hoc committee's proposed honors program, could help differentiate the College from competing institutions. The reinvigorated honors program and other new initiatives could allow the College to once again advertise academics over townhouses and "substance over style."

Internally, the college would be opening new "doors of Westminster" to allow students a better opportunity to "unlock their potential." Externally, tremors from such a shake up in the academics of Westminster could be felt beyond campus, by expanding institutional reach and allowing admissions to broaden the "targeted" demographic group.

Ben Nelson & Ray C. Walling
Class of 2006

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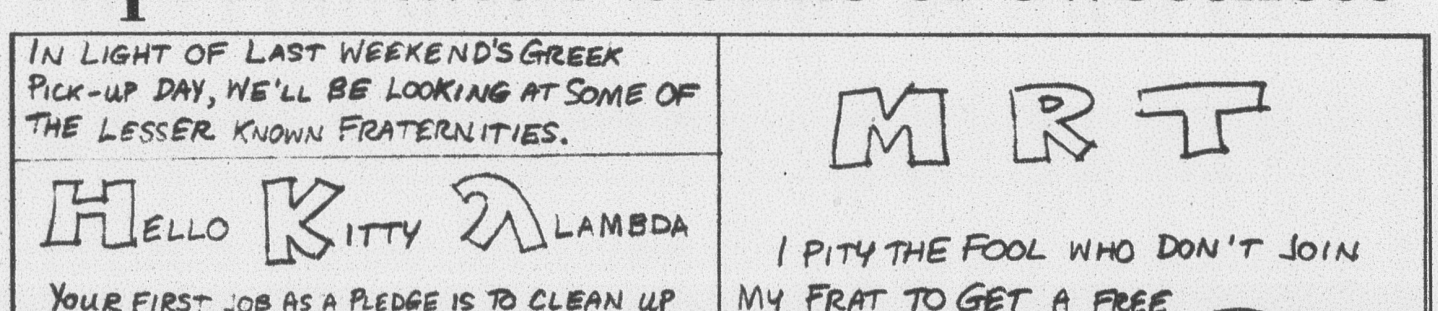

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REGIONAL

Westmoreland family feuding with the township over their pet rooster

IRWIN, Pa. (AP) - A township that gave a girl a prize for having the "Most Unusual Pet" – a rooster – now says she has to get rid of the bird because zoning laws don't allow farm animals in a residential area.

The parents of 13-year-old Melissa Hensler said they may file a lawsuit to fight the zoning decision by North Huntingdon Township officials.

Melissa has raised the rooster, named Sundae, and eight other chickens for about six years. Two years ago, Sundae had won first place in the "Most Unusual Pet" contest co-sponsored by the township.

But the prize "is no substitute for township law," said code enforcement officer David Stitt.

"Chickens are farm animals. You can call them pets if you like, but they are still fowl," Stitt said.

Parents Barb and Don Hensler said the trouble started in July when a neighbor complained they were raising chickens.

The Henslers contend the animals are pets, but a township board rejected their request for a zoning exception. Now they plan to take their case to Westmoreland County Common Pleas Court.

"I've already spent $250 for the first appeal. These chickens are not worth that much – maybe $1.75 or $2 – if you sold them," Don Hensler said. "We were just asking the township to allow us to keep our pets until they pass on."

Hensler said chickens typically live eight to 10 years.

"If I had to get rid of them, it would be like losing part of me," Melissa said. "I would be losing my children."

No DUI charge for an officer who crashed into Pa convenience store

EASTON, Pa. (AP) - An off-duty police officer who drank beer, vodka and tequila before crashing into a convenience store will be cited for speeding and reckless driving but not DUI because his blood-alcohol content was under the legal limit, authorities said.

The decision was announced Friday by Easton police, who said rookie officer John Alestas did not receive special treatment from the department.

Alestas was traveling at least 48 mph in a 25 mph zone when he slammed his personal car into the side of a Wawa convenience store on College Hill at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Store manager Frances Hunt was struck by a newspaper shelving unit, leaving her with pain in her calf and lower back, police said.

"Alestas stated that he was going 'very fast' and driving 'like an idiot'" when he lost control and crashed, according to a 21-page report released Friday.

Asked if he had been drinking that night, Alestas told police he had "one beer, one Grey Goose (vodka) and one shot of tequila." He had been out with five other off-duty officers.

Police said Alestas passed a field sobriety test at the accident scene. He registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.07 when police gave him a breath test at 5:22 a.m., almost an hour after the crash, Capt. Michael Vangelo said.

The state law says that a driver is too drunk to drive at 0.08 percent.

At one point during his interview with police, Alestas said he crashed into the Wawa after swerving to avoid a skateboarder in the street. He later conceded he lied about the skateboarder because he was scared, police said.

Although the criminal probe is finished, Alestas will be the subject of an internal investigation that could cost him his job, Mayor Phil Mitman said. That investigation is expected to be completed in about a week.

Alestas, 23, of Palmer Township, has been placed on administrative leave with pay.

Woman charged with recruiting girl, 13, for strip club

YORK, Pa. (AP) - A woman has been charged with trying to exploit children after police said that she had attempted to recruit a 13-year-old girl as a stripper.

Kathy Lynne Hartman, 40, of Mechanicsburg, was charged Thursday by West Manchester Township police with criminal attempt to commit sexual exploitation of children and other offenses.

Hartman approached the girl Sept. 12 inside a bathroom at the York Fair, police said. The woman told the girl she was pretty and gave her a business card for a strip club in Adams County, according to authorities.

A bathroom attendant had told police t earlier that day that she heard a woman tell two young girls – ages 10 and 11 – that she was a stripper and could teach them the "tricks of the trade." The attendant intervened, telling the girls to go to their mothers and ordering the woman out of the bathroom.

On Sept. 13, the 13-year-old girl told the police that she had also been solicited by the woman at the fair.

Police said that the10- and 11-year-olds have not spoken to authorities.

Leader picked for terrorism research center at Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) _ An expert in the psychology of terrorism has been picked to direct a terrorism research center headquartered at Penn State University.

"One of the most urgent challenges of the academic community is to understand the ways in which people become involved in terrorism," said John Horgan, who signed a five-year contract to lead the International Center for the Study of Terrorism.

The center, which began in May 2006, is sponsored by the international consortium of schools and organizations. It also includes 15 other universities that belong to the Worldwide Universities Network.

Horgan, 32, is currently a faculty member at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He holds bachelor's and doctoral degrees in applied psychology from University College in Ireland.

He is scheduled to start Nov. 1 at Penn State.

Studying the causes of terrorism is important "because there's a growing realization that military approaches to terrorism are not as effective as many might have assumed," he said.

Horgan also is a member of the European Commission Expert Group on Violent Radicalization, which is developing an agenda to investigate radicalization throughout Europe.

NATIONAL

For colleges, whom to give a platform is an agonizing call

Is a college campus a place for all views to be aired, or are some public figures too extreme to deserve the platform?

It's a question numerous colleges have wrestled with, but perhaps none more frequently of late than Columbia University in New York. The topic is front-and-center again over the invitation to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to speak there Monday.

President Lee Bollinger has resisted calls to cancel the event, but promised to introduce the talk himself with a series of tough questions on topics including Ahmadinejad's views on the Holocaust, his call for the destruction of the state of Israel and his government's alleged support of terrorism.

The university "is committed to confronting ideas – to understand the world as it is and as it might be," Bollinger said in a statement, emphasizing the invitation implied no endorsement of Ahmadinejad's opinions.

But Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said giving Ahmadinejad a platform is a betrayal of the persecuted scholars and students in Iran who do not enjoy academic freedom.

"There has to be some standard about who we give credibility to, who we give access to such a prestigious platform as Columbia University," he said. "What is the message that is sent to the students in his country that have suffered under him?"

"This is not a man who ought to be hosted in civilized society," he added.

Should a university be a kind of public soap box for anyone – or at least any public figure? Or should the university ensure that the imprimatur it gives through speaking invitations reflects general values, like tolerance?

The debate is fairly new, by historical standards. The modern conception of academic freedom is really only a century old at most, as is the transportation technology that can bring people from all over to a college campus. In a bygone era, students watched professors debate the issues of the day; now they pay five-figure tuition and want to watch the players themselves.

But the most controversial invitations often don't please students; they make them angry. In the 1960s there were campus protests over inviting members of the American Nazi Party and radical groups espousing violence. Today the backdrop is often the contentious politics of the post-9/11 Middle East. At Yale, for instance, speakers such as neoconservative scholar Daniel Pipes and Israel-critic Norman Finkelstein have been greeted with campus protests.

The new twist is that the disputes are followed closely by blogs on all sides, whose readers deluge colleges with e-mails. Many schools resolve to endure the bad publicity (and potential fundraising hit) and try to create a "teachable moment." Others have canceled or rescinded invitations, citing security concerns or a lack of "balance."

Hamilton College in New York canceled a talk by Ward Churchill, who had called 9/11 victims "little Eichmans," after receiving threats, and essentially rebuilt the campus program that had invited Churchill and former Weather Underground radical Susan Rosenberg to campus. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater elected to criticize Churchill but honored an invitation to let him speak.

Other controversial speakers have faced opposition less from administrators than from attendees. Right-wing columnist Ann Coulter was hit with a pie during a University of Arizona appearance in 2004, and the next year had to cut short a speech at the University of Connecticut when she was drowned out by jeers.

At Columbia, the debates over both the Middle East and free speech have been especially hot, and Bollinger has faced criticism from all sides. By asking the tough questions he may be hoping to imitate then-vice president Richard Nixon, who in a 1959 Moscow visit boosted his standing by lecturing Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during the famous "kitchen debate."

Colleges should support speakers who, like at Columbia, were legitimately invited by faculty and students, said Robert O'Neil, a former president of the universities of Wisconsin and Virginia and a leading scholar on campus free speech. But there is no obligation to provide a platform for just anyone who demands one.

The American Association of University Professors issued a statement on outside speakers in 2005 and is currently circulating an open letter to reiterate its principles. The letter urges presidents not to give in to outside pressure.

"Revulsion at ideas or fear of them is understandable, but ideas are best answered with thought and conversation, not with censorship," the letter reads.

Free-speech advocates say the chance to call public attention to Ahmadinejad's views is one of the best arguments for allowing him to speak. Protests are planned at Columbia's campus and the U.N.

"I'd be very surprised if the Columbia community did not as a result of Mr. Ahmadinejad's appearance on Monday learn a great deal more about what's wrong with contemporary Iran than they would have ever learned if President Ahmadinejad had been turned away," O'Neil said. "If you suppress a viewpoint by disallowing or barring a controversial speaker you make the speaker a martyr."

During the 1930s, "one of the things we really lacked in this country was sufficient contact with Nazis to realize what they are up to," said Harvey Silverglate, a prominent civil rights attorney who has sharply criticized higher education for failing to support free speech on campus. The notion "that you're going to take really bad people and not listen to them is really suicidal for any society."

His greater concern is that colleges – seeing the public relations and security nightmare that controversial speakers entail – will shy away entirely."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Horse Hit By SUV

State Police say that a West Middlesex Man driving an SUV struck a horse early Tuesday morning on State Route 208 in Wilmington Township in Lawrence County. It happened less than a mile away from the Beagle Club Road. Police say that a GMC Yukon suffered heavy damage after it struck the horse while traveling east on that road It appears the horse may have wandered from a nearby farm. Police reports indicate the driver sufferend minor injuries but refused treatment. The report to Titan Radio News did not reveal the fate of the horse.

New Wilmington's Maple Street Reopens

Maple Street in New Wilmington reopened this past Thursday after paving crews finished with the final coal of asphalt on Wednesday. Traffic both up and down the street feeding into and out of campus parking lots resumed as well as street side parking. The project went a little longer than the New Wilmington borough council members were told during their September 4 meeting. That's when a two-week time line was disscussed. The project included curb replacement and storm drain replacement. Some students and faculty at the college have questioned the curb across a sidewalk that connects to the street from Thompson-Clark Hall.

Titan Radio News asked if the curb complies the American Disabilities Act. According to campus officials, borough leaders and the contractor that was hired to repave the street say that the new street level is too low to make easy access to the higher sidewalk. Titan Radio News has been told that the campus will direct people with any disabilities to park in that lot to cross the street to the sidewalk in front of the Admissions office. They will then cross the street beside Old Main and come to Thompson Clark or the McKelvey campus center on that path. A second option is to go east on the sidewalk until they get to the road that goes to McKelvey andthen access the campus on that path. Campus officials suggest both are acceptable for access.

Meanwhile, the campus comunity celebrated the end of the Maple St. paving project. Organizers of the event in Student Affairs staged a TGIP (thank goodness it's paved) party off of Maple Street on Friday in the grassy area between the Thompson-Clark building and Campus Center Drive.

INTERNATIONAL

Former leader Fujimori arrives in Peru to face trial on corruption

LIMA, Peru (AP) _ Former President Alberto Fujimori returned to Peru on Saturday to face charges of corruption and sanctioning death-squad killings, a grim homecoming for the strongman who fled the country seven years ago as his government collapsed in scandal.

The plane carrying the 69-year-old former ruler landed in a heavy mist at Lima's Las Palmas air force base, a day after Chile's Supreme Court authorized his extradition. He was then flown by helicopter to a police base, where he is to be held until a permanent facility is prepared for his detention.

Some 700 supporters who gathered outside the police air terminal across town to greet him were frustated when his plane was diverted to the air base.

"We have come to welcome Fujimori, to tell him that we are with him and will accompany him wherever he goes so that he feels he has the support of his people," his daughter Keiko Fujimori, who was elected to Congress in 2006, told The Associated Press.

Fujimori's extradition from Chile has provoked reactions ranging from elation to indignation.

Some Peruvians believe he should be tried for his controversial crackdown on the bloody Shining Path insurgency and alleged corruption during his 1990-2000 presidency.

But Fujimori maintains a following in Peru. A recent poll showed that 23 percent of Peruvians want to see him back in politics and some worry his return could provoke turmoil in a country emerging from decades of political and economic chaos.

"There will be a sector of the country that will identify with him, and he will play a destabilizing opposition role," said congressman Javier Valle Riestra, leader of President Alan Garcia's Aprista party.

Fujimori was widely admired for ushering in economic stability and defeating Shining Path rebel movement during his 1990-2000 government, but his presidency increasingly came under fire as it drifted toward authoritarianism and evidence of corruption.

He was flying to Peru under police custody Saturday, a day after the Chilean Supreme Court ordered his extradition on human rights and corruption charges.

Fujimori's followers and foes alike were stunned in November 2005, when he landed in a small plane in Chile and revealed his ambition to run for president in the 2006 elections, even though Peru's Congress had banned him from seeking public office until 2011. He was promptly arrested.

Fujimori had earned a reputation as a cool-headed strategist in handling multiple crises as president. But he may have miscalculated when he decided to leave his safe refuge in Japan, where he enjoyed immunity from extradition because of his Japanese nationality, inherited from his migrant parents.

It "will be interesting to see how Houdini gets out of this one," said Michael Shifter, a Latin America analyst at the Inter-American Dialogue think tank in Washington.

Peru wants to try Fujimori on corruption and human rights charges, including sanctioning the death-squad killings of 25 people.

Fujimori, who calls the charges politically motivated, said on the eve of his departure that while his government made mistakes, he has a clear conscience.

"This does not mean that I've been tried, much less convicted. ... I hope that in Peru there exists the due process to clarify the accusations against me," he told the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio.

He noted that while the Chilean Supreme Court authorized his extradition, it significantly reduced the charges for which he can be tried in Peru. According to the extradition treaty between the two countries, he can only be tried on the charges for which the extradition was approved.

Fujimori also suggested that he's eyeing a political comeback, saying, "I still have majority support from a very popular political current.

"I assure you that there will be a political heir if I am no longer around," he added. "There will be a Fujimori movement for a long time. I guarantee that there will be some Fujimori in the next presidential race."

He said his daughter Keiko, who was elected to Congress last year with 600,000 votes, far more than any other legislator, has "

Campus News

Italy travel course to be offered in the spring

By Max Muska
Staff Writer

Many authors, ranging from Shakespeare to Dan Brown, have been fascinated with Italy. A travel course aims to find out what causes this fascination.

Dr. Deborah Mitchell is teaching the class this spring. Students will read and watch movies set in each part of Italy that the summer trip will visit. They will begin to form opinions of their own about why these authors chose Italy as the setting for their work.

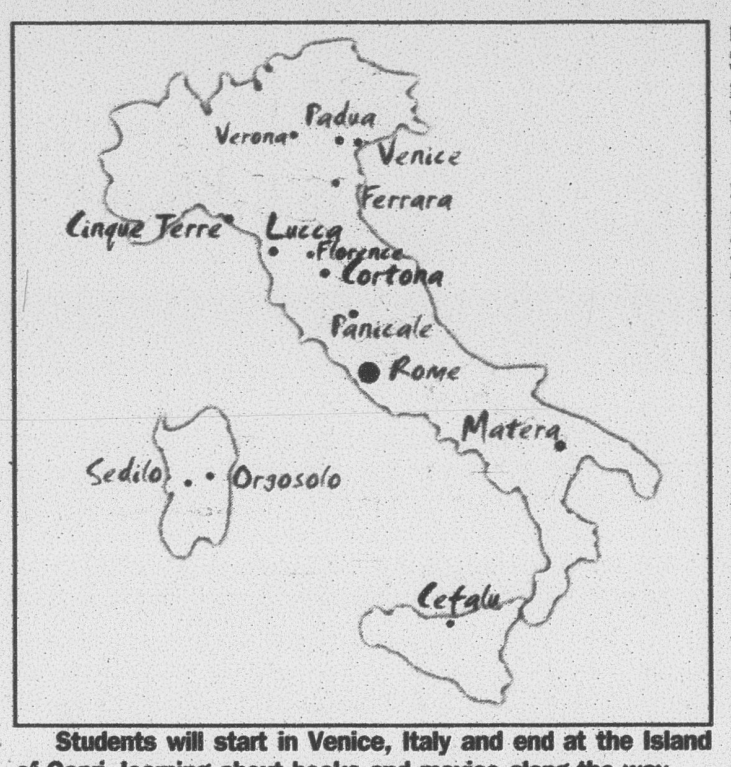
Many students are already enthusiastic about the course.

"Ever since I was little I have always known that I wanted to visit Italy," senior Danica Scott said. "From learning about Roman history to watching films that take place in those lovely little hill towns, the landscape, culture and history have captivated my interests. I jumped at this opportunity because it is at a convenient time in my life."

The trip, which takes place from May 21 to June 5, starts in Venice. Students will take a canal trip in a boat called a vaporetto. There will also be a free day for exploring the city.

After leaving Venice, the tour heads to Florence. Students will Tour Il Duomo and the Baptistry of Florence. Then they will visit Piazza Della Signoria and Fiesole. Before leaving Florence, the students will be given a guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery, which has works of Botticelli, Michelangelo, Raffaello, Tiziano and others.

The group will then travel to Rome. The class will read Dan Brown's Angels and Demons set in Rome, and will take a tour highlighting all of the important sites mentioned in the book. A trip to the Roman Coliseum and the Palatine Hills is also planned. Then on Sunday morning, the students may have the opportunity to attend mass at St. Peter's Basilica.



Students will start in Venice, Italy and end at the Island of Capri, learning about books and movies along the way.

"You walk into some little piazza and see small fifteenth or sixteenth century buildings, and then you'll see this enormous, beautiful church," tour guide for the trip Professor Fritz Horn said of Rome.

The students will spend a day at the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii. The city was destroyed in 79 A.D. when Mount Vesuvius erupted. The city was buried under volcanic ash for centuries before it was discovered. The ruins have been preserved very well because they were covered in ash for so long.

Before returning home, the group will travel to Sorrento, which overlooks the bay of Naples. From Sorrento, they will visit the Island of Capri. A tour of the island will be given by boat. The tour includes a visit to the Blue Grotto, a sea cave.

The class will be able to compare the visual images of Italy presented in such movies as the film version of Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, E.M. Forester's A Room with a View, which is set in Florence, and Gladiator, with the real Italy. Each site visited is relevant to at least one of the books or movies studied in the class.

"We get to learn about all of the amazing places we are going to visit through some of the most popular and withstanding literature and film," Scott said. "This background will only enrich our knowledge and appreciation of what we will have the honor of experiencing in person."

"I expect to learn some of the Italian language and much more about their culture through the plays and movies we will study," Mark Amaismeier said. He plans on taking the course as well. "I am intrigued to learn about the architecture in the cities along with the art, which I believe will reflect one another in grandeur."

A similar travel course was offered two years ago. The previous course was aimed towards the same goal as this year's course. Some of the works studied and sites visited will differ from those of the past trip.

Dr. Horn encourages students to experience the food of Italy, rather than finding a McDonald's for lunch everyday. He said that one of the best things to look for is Gelatti from street stands, which is an Italian version of ice cream. Also, students should keep in mind that authentic Italian food differs from the food found in Italian restaurants in America.

"What impressed me the most about Italy was the beauty of the cities," Dr. Horn said. "But also the beauty of the countryside and the small villages. It is truly a picture perfect place."

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Professor returns to campus to present Bleasby

Former English professor presents findings of gold rush treasures

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff writer

Dr. Nancy Macky, professor emeritus of English, returned to present the Bleasby Colloquium on Thursday, Sept. 20.

Students from around campus crowded into Mueller Theater to listen to her presentation. Professors from other departments also attended to support and welcome back a former colleague.

The Bleasby Colloquium is held in honor of Dr. George Bleasby, former chair of the English department from 1954-1974.

Dr. Fritz Horn, professor emeritus of English, welcomed Dr. Macky back to campus and lauded her as a valuable former member of the English department as well as the campus community. She was a full-time faculty member from 1993-2003, but was also present on campus for a number of years prior while her husband, the late Dr. Peter Macky, was a professor of religion.

Since her retirement, Macky has resided in Pasadena, CA, conducting research at the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA. Her presentation was a product of her continued research at the library.

Macky's presentation, "California Nuggets: Nineteenth Century Gold Rush Treasures from the Huntington Library," contained a strong historical element. It brought life to the California Gold Rush, a part of history that is often glossed over in textbooks and most know little about.

"The colloquium gave a voice to a group of people who rarely get a voice in American history," senior Jenna Diorio said.

Senior Jennifer Matsick enjoyed the historical approach of the presentation. "I expected to learn about the literature [of the time period] based on the event itself, but was pleasantly surprised when she spoke more about the historical facts," she said.

Rather than simply reading from a power point, Dr. Macky incorporated a unique interactive feature into her presentation. She included travelers' narratives, fiction, songs, poems and newspaper articles from the Gold Rush period in her presentation. She recruited English professors Dr. James Perkins and Dr. Matthew Sivils to read and bring to life the struggles of the miners from the aforementioned documents.

"I was thrilled to furnish one of the speaking roles for Dr. Macky's presentation," Sivils said.

Many attendees felt that the inclusion of the documents and speaking parts added to the presentation.

"I especially liked that Dr. Macky implemented letters and other documents from the time period. Because she had Dr. Perkins and Dr. Sivils read these documents, the presentation was much more interesting than if she had been the only one presenting," Matsick said.

Macky shined light on the culture presentations that occurred during this time.

"In sharing the results of her archival research, Dr. Macky revealed that at the same time miners were digging for gold, they were also immersed in a clash of cultures that would, in coming years, occur across the nation," Sivils explained.

Dr. Ross Wastvedt, chair of the English department, believes that Dr. Macky's presentation made research interesting for students.

"[The presentation] gave students a chance to see how library research can uncover fascinating information even about topics we know pretty well, such as the California Gold Rush. Students also saw life-long learning in action and how learning makes life interesting."

Dr. Nancy Macky's presentation was the first in a series of six scheduled Bleasby Colloquiums for the 2007-2008 academic year. The next Colloquium will feature Dr. James Perkins and take place on October 18.

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will begin with the announcement of the homecoming king and queen. The homecoming candidates were announced last semester after a long application process. According to Holly Leach, Panhellenic Council vice-president, three representatives from each sorority and independent nominees received applications. The applications included an involvement and academic section and a personal response. Once turned in, the applications were scored anonymously. The candidates this year did not have to go through an interview as in other years.

This year's homecoming court is as follows: for queen, Christine Gettemy, Zeta Tau Alpha; Jamie Spisak, Alpha Gamma Delta; Ashley Carnahan, Sigma Kappa; Diana Peet, Kappa Delta; Sarah Girard, Phi Mu; and Alissa Cochenour, independent, and for king, Adam Teeple, Sigma Nu; Zach Weber, Alpha Sigma Phi; Jordan Flaim, Sigma Phi Epsilon; David Dean, Phi Kappa Tau; Kevin Shields, Theta Chi; and John Marlowe, independent.

"Homecoming court is an exciting process and should turn out great just like it does every year," Leach said.

After the game, more activities will keep alumni busy. Many of the departments on campus will host open houses where alumni can meet and greet the faculty, old and new. Dinners for the 50th, 35th and 25th reunion classes will be held around the area. Also, Campus Programming Council will host comedian Johnny Cardinale in the Berlin Student Lounge. CPC opens this event to all on campus, including alumni. President Kelly Corbin said that Cardinale's musical standup should appeal to almost anyone. The show begins at 8 p.m. and will wrap up the exciting weekend.

Renovations

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"It's great to be doing all of the renovations since times are quickly changing, and we need to make sure we keep up-to-date in order to attract new students," sophomore Maile Kirkpatrick said.

While many students applaud the renovation plans, others feel as if there are other areas of residence life that must be addressed.

"I think it's great that they are looking into the future and improving the residence halls," senior Jennifer Allen said. "However, there are many issues that, even if small, are still important and should be addressed before bigger projects begin."

The improvement project will end, hopefully, in about two years, as construction crews must proceed with small steps.

"We are slated to complete them [all improvements], as of now, in summer of '09," Vance said.

Voters

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Sponsoring the event together resulted in a higher participation rate. "Voting is important and it is easier to work together and nice to get all three names out there," said Ruperto. If anyone missed the drive, they can go to Google and search "voter registration forms," all registrations forms are available online.

So what will the parties do now that the drive is over? According to Ruperto, the Democratic Party plans to support other on-campus groups, bring speakers to the campus, and develop campaign buttons to assist with the mock convention which will take place this November in the Witherspoon Rooms of the McKelvey Campus Center. The Republican Party, now with 15 members, will remain active with the Lawrence County Republicans to sponsor state Republicans. "We plan to go door to door to help promote William Messner, candidate for Treasure for Lawrence County," Oshnock said. The Republican Party will also sponsor an issue day once a month. Both the Democratic and Republican parties plan to remain active and promote their organization on campus. All are welcome to join either group.

President of the Green Party, Marissa Danney, was unavailable for questioning about the voter registration drive and her party. The Green Party formed at Westminster in the spring semester of 2002. According to the Westminster College web site, the party subscribes to ten key values of the Green Party of the United States: grassroots democracy; social justice; ecological wisdom; nonviolence; decentralization; community-based economics; feminism and gender equality; respect for diversity; personal and global responsibility; and future focus. Membership is open to all students.

Campus News

Admissions staff visiting area high schools

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The staff of the Remick Admissions House will be educating students at more than 400 high schools about liberal arts education.

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Six admissions staff members are visiting local and area high schools in September and October to discuss financial aid and admission requirements with students and guidance counselors.

Brad Tokar, dean of admissions, and five other staff members are visiting high schools in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York to promote the college and encourage students to visit the campus. This year, the admissions staff hopes to visit more than 400 high schools and educate prospective students about a liberal arts education. Due to the decrease in first year students this semester, admissions will continue to advertise the quality education one may receive here.

"I think that the freshman class was smaller this year because some students may have been looking for a more diverse campus or somewhere in a city," senior Alicia Zeis said.

According to Tokar, there were only 315 first year students this year, which is below the average 350 new students.

The decrease in the number of first year students may have been caused by the smaller merit-based scholarships available here. Prospective students may have felt that Westminster's financial aid packages were not as competitive as those of similar colleges. Also, admission's requirements were more competitive this year. One-hundred and forty-five students were denied admission this year; while only 45 were refused last year. However, applications and campus visits have increased since admissions started visiting more schools.

"We meet with guidance counselors and high school students - we stress Westminster's excellent academic reputation as well as advise students about campus life, activities and organizations, scholarship and financial aid," said Dawn Chapman, assistant director of admissions. "Essentially, we want to excite the student so that he or she will visit campus, tour our excellent facilities and meet with faculty."

Admissions staff members visiting high schools are using multiple strategies to promote the college and increase the number of prospective students. Each staff member will visit approximately 80 to 100 schools. By advertising the increase in merit-based scholarships and financial aid, the admissions staff hopes Westminster will be more competitive with surrounding colleges. Also, campus visitation days and overnight programs will encourage prospective students to experience campus life. An online community for accepted students has been created and will allow future students to communicate with current students and faculty. The admissions office hopes to bring in 365 new students next year.

"Since so many high school students will be exposed to Westminster through our admission's counselors, I think that the freshman class will be bigger next year," junior Tamara Scherer said. "These visits should definitely help."

Malawi cluster travel course to include grass-roots peacemaking, service learning

By Max Muska
Staff Writer

Typical travel courses take students to beautiful places for themed tours that fit the course's subject matter. The Malawi travel cluster course offers something rather different.

The trip in late May to southeastern Africa combines travel, service-learning and grass-roots peacemaking. There will be a few site-seeing tours, but the majority of the trip will be spent interacting with the people of Malawi. Students will not stay in fancy hotels. Instead, they will sleep in mosquito huts to avoid disease.

"This trip is about experiencing Africa not as an American tourist, but as someone who has the opportunity to experience the culture," said Rev. Jim Mohr, one of the course's tour leaders.

The trip starts in Johannesburg, South Africa. Students will visit the Kruger Game Park to see the African wildlife. They will spend the night in a hotel only on the first day of the trip.

"While most of our visit will be spent in Malawi, en route we will stop over in South Africa," said Dr. Patricia Clark, who is teaching one of the courses and is one of the tour leaders. "There we will participate in activities such as viewing fossil hominids at the Cradle of Humankind, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, experiencing the Apartheid Museum outside of Johannesburg and visiting Soweto, the most densely inhabited black urban area in South Africa."

Then, the group will arrive in Malawi. The students will visit the open-air markets. They will work with children at the Ndirande Handicapped Club.

Much of the trip will be spent exploring the culture of Malawi from a firsthand perspective. Students will attend St. Andrews Church of Central Africa Presbyterian to see how church services in Malawi compare to American services. Students will also shop for their own food rather than eating in restaurants.

Next, the group will travel to the Mulange area. There they will tour Mission Hospital and visit the Nursing School. Students will eat lunch with the nurses.

Then, the group will go to the Zomba area. They will travel to the Liwande National Park, Chinguni Hills and Nkalango Camp. They will also take a boat safari on the Shire River.

Not many events are scheduled during the trip. This is to give the students as much free time as possible to interact with and learn about the people of Malawi. This will also leave room for changing the plans depending on what progress is made through their peacemaking efforts.

Before returning home, students will visit one of the country's colleges to interact with students. The goal of this part of the trip is to see similarities and differences between higher education in Malawi and America.

This trip is not intended for students looking for a normal travel experience. Mohr said that the trip will likely remove students from their comfort zones. Not only will students be traveling overseas, but they will also leave behind most of the luxuries of home. This will provide a unique, interactive learning experience.

"Through this course, I want students to face the common stereotype of Africa as a 'disaster' continent," Clark said. "As we will see in our travels, not all of Africa is as backward and helpless as the common stereotype."

Two courses are offered for students wanting to go on the trip. The African history course and the advanced peacemaking course can be taken as a cluster or students can choose to take one of the two.

"The history course 'Africa Since 1800' will focus on learning the historical background to Africa's current situation," Clark said. "We will look at case studies such as Malawi, Rwanda and South Africa."

The Malawi Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian is connected to the Pittsburgh Synod of the Presbyterian Church (USA). These groups are offering their support in making this trip possible through arrangements for travel, housing and other aspects of the trip.

Alumni

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Throughout her career Tarr served as the Processing Services Department executive director and the Cataloging Distribution Service chief.

Tarr began her career as an intern at the Library of Congress and retired to study theological studies at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Tarr married Patrick Tarr, a senior policy analyst at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. They have two children, Aaron and Allison.

Dr. Ann Murphy, chair of the modern languages department, stayed in contact with Tarr and helped organize the lectures.

"The lectures are an opportunity for our students to interact with former college students who studied what they are currently studying," Murphy said. "The lectures allow alumni, who are able to come back, to share their experiences and how they have applied a Westminster education in there professional lives."

Stainbrook is a 1991 graduate who earned honors in research, a doctorate from the University College of Osteopathic Medicine and a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health. Stainbrook also served a fellowship in infectious disease at Pittsburgh. In addition, she had an internship and residency in internal medicine at Doctors Hospital.

Stainbrook keeps a busy schedule, holding several positions including infectious disease consultant, medical director of DuBois Regional Wound Center, infectious control chairwoman, Northwest AIDS Alliance's HIV specialist, Clearfield and Jefferson County Drug and Alcohol Commission board member, Clearfield and Jefferson County Heroin Task Force board member and DuBois Regional Hyperbaric Medicine medical director.

The Distinguished Alumni Lecture Presentations serve as an opportunity for not only those involved in education, modern languages and biology, but also for all students, faculty and community members.

"The purpose of the lectures is to celebrate alumni and bring them back to the college," Domanski said. "It allows students, faculty and alumni to make a connection and allows students to see what can be done with a Westminster education. The alumni serve as a model of excellence and show what Westminster students are all about."

Student-produced documentary showcased at Iris Film Festival

Four students produce film about a New Wilmington girl with Down syndrome

By Becky Penn
Campus Writer

A student produced documentary about a local girl with Down syndrome was showcased this past weekend at the Iris Film Festival in Huntingdon, Pa.

"Who Knows What Caitlyn May Do" was the runner-up in the short documentary division at the second annual celebration of Pennsylvania filmmakers. The film was produced by seniors Julie Kepins, Ashley Pierson and Andrew Polak and 2007 graduate Michael Wolenski as part of the "Pay No Attention to the White Man Behind the Curtain: Stereotypes and Mass Media" cluster course that was offered last semester. The students were required to produce a film about a minority group, and they chose three-year-old Caitlyn May Hickman, a New Wilmington girl with Down syndrome, as the topic of their documentary.

"We had other topic ideas, but doing the documentary on Caitlyn was an easy decision to make," Kepins said. "It's a very touching story."

Kepins said that her group's goal was to portray the Hickman family and Down syndrome in a positive light. She wanted to show that it is possible to overcome diversity in a community.

The documentary draws attention to the Hickman family and their everyday struggle with Down syndrome. The students conducted interviews with Caitlyn's parents, Lisa and Jason Hickman, as well as Dr. Mandy Medvin of the psychology department.

While Medvin offered a scientific explanation of Down syndrome, Lisa Hickman, who is the associate pastor at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, described her daughter's disorder in terms of muscle control. Hickman said that because Caitlyn's muscles are weaker than children born without Down syndrome, her brain functions are slower and she has a heart defect. Caitlyn has had three heart surgeries and has received physical, occupational and developmental play therapy to help make her muscles stronger.

Hickman feels that the documentary was healing for her family, and is pleased at how well it turned out. She said that it is important to her for others to hear Caitlyn's story and to learn more about Down syndrome.

"Every family has something to deal with, and this is our thing," Hickman said. "If there were less Caitlyns in the world, I would feel like something's missing."

Bradley Weaver, instructor of broadcast communications, represented the college at the Iris Film Festival. He submitted the documentary to the Iris Film Festival selection committee and said that he looks forward to submitting additional work from Westminster students.

Weaver said that the documentary was received well at the film festival. Members of the audience offered a number of positive comments to him about the documentary.

The Hickmans named their daughter Caitlyn May as a prayer of possibility. They asked themselves what Caitlyn may do in her life, and how Caitlyn may affect the lives of others. The documentary allows for many people to hear Caitlyn's story and be affected by it. A DVD version of "Who Knows What Caitlyn May Do" is available in AV Service for students to watch.

Area rising crime rate causes concerns

Campus encourages assistance for New Wilmington area programs to benefit youth

By Kathryn Zetzer
Staff Writer

A rising juvenile crime rate hasn't discouraged the college from assisting with programs for area youth.

Police Chief Piccirillo reported crime has undoubtedly risen. Juvenile offenses prosecuted in the area have risen from 43 in 2004 to 60 last year. Already in 2007, prosecutors have charged 44 juveniles for serious crimes, with 17 more offenses reported than at this time last year. Borough residence and officials are concerned that this trend will continue.

According to Police Chief Piccirillo there are a variety of factors that seem to be negatively influencing these adolescents. First, juveniles are given more independence. Because of this freedom, there is more opportunity to find trouble. Second, drugs and alcohol are becoming more available to younger kids. Third, single-parent homes are become more prevalent. It is difficult for a parent to work full-time and manage a kid full-time as well.

"Set a good example," Piccirillo said. "Kids look up to peers and look at what you do more than what you say."

Getting involved in the community such as: support groups, counseling, girl scouts, boy scouts, athletics, tutoring, youth groups and coaching could all make a major impact on a young person's life. College students currently participate in countless organizations that focus on helping adolescents in the area.

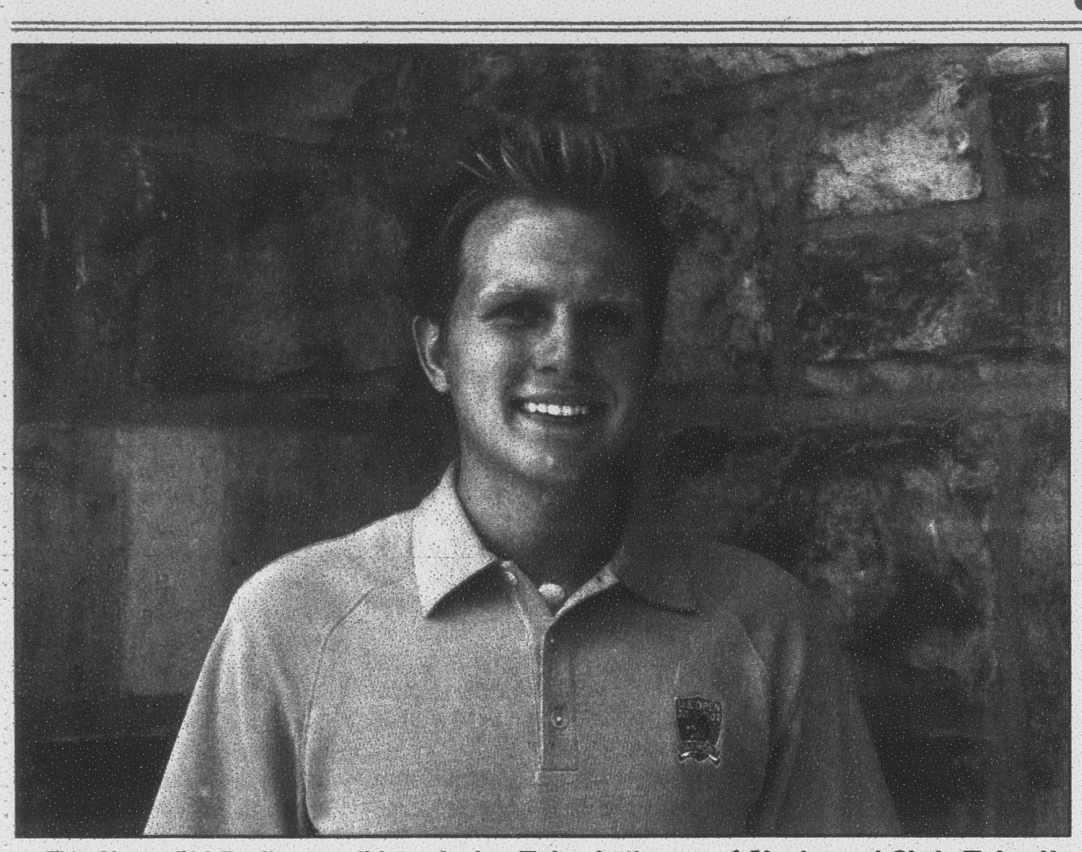
The Walker House acts as a safe house for kids in the community. Located on the south side of New Castle in St. John's United Holy Church, Westminster students go and help the kids with their homework and the kids are served a hot dinner. Many of the kids have parents who work full-time. The Walker House gives them a safe alternative to wandering the streets or going home to an empty house. Open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year, the program currently has 86 kids enrolled. The main goal is to give kids the hope of a safe and successful future by teaching them to respect themselves and their community. Also, teaching the kids the value of an education is another goal.

"The kids know the names of every Westminster tutor who has ever walked through the door of the Walker House, and I frequently hear, 'I want to go to Westminster and be a college student just like them!" Jenna Brizzi said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence County is yet another organization that students support. BBBS mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable impact on youth. Kappa Delta Sorority has offered its own associated program called KD Campus Friends, which offers many of the same benefits but without the extensive time commitment that dissuades many busy students. Each sister is matched through BBBS.

"Without having to leave the campus, mentors and role models work with at risk youths in the New Castle area," junior Sarah Petcovic said. "It's a privilege to work with my sisters and the youth in the area."

Homecoming Court



The Sigma Phi Epsilon candidate, Jordan Flaim, is the son of Charles and Cindy Flaim. He has one brother, Josh, who is an alumnus of Westminster. His hometown is Hookstown, Pennsylvania where he attended South Side Beaver High School and graduated with honors. His major is Business Administration with a minor in Public Relations and a focus in Marketing. Jordan has been on the Dean's List for the past 2 semesters. He is an active member of Student Alumni Association, Fresh Start, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Students In Free Enterprise, Student Westminster Admissions Team, the Vice President of Communications for his fraternity, and current Secretary of the Student Government Association. Jordan is also a Young Presbyterian Scholar and volunteers his time at the Neshannock Presbyterian Church's Junior Youth Group. He is also a letterman on the Westminster Golf Team. Jordan is proud to represent Sigma Phi Epsilon for Homecoming Court and would like to thank his brother's for this opportunity and his family for all of their support.

Alissa Cochenour, the independent female candidate is an Elementary Education major from Lower Burrell, PA. Alissa is involved in many organizations on campus including Kappa Delta Pi, Dance Theater, Vice President of Gospel Choir, Co-chair of Campus Programming Council, Fresh Start, and enjoys driving the happy bus for SADD, all while staying on the Dean's List. She enjoys midnight trips to Sheetz for strawberry banana smoothies and in her spare time watches and plays along with the game show network. In the future, she can't wait to impact childrens' lives and teach in her own classroom.

Christine Gettemy, the candidate from Zeta Tau Alpha is an Elementary and Special Education major from Latrobe, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Ken and Mary Kay Gettemy. On campus she is involved in organizations such as the Student Westminster Admissions Team, Lambda Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi, and the women's varsity track and field team. Last year Christine served as the vice president of Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society. Christine is also on Dean's List. Currently, she is the scholarship chair of Zeta Tau Alpha's programming council. She has also held the sister social chair for ZTA. Christine actively volunteers for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the American Cancer Society. Christine enjoys spending time with her fellow sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha and her teammates on the Westminster Track and Field team. Her future goal is to be a third grade teacher and a track and field coach.

Kevin Shields is the Theta Chi representative and is a Music Education major, from Eldred PA, with a concentration on saxophone. While on campus, Kevin has gotten involved in track n' field, wind ensemble, concert choir, fresh start, musical, the men's choir, ACDA, PCMEA, active Secretary of his fraternity, and is currently the field commander for the Titan Marching Band. His future goal is to be a collegiate conductor of choral activities at a university or private college.

Homecoming Candidate Photos by Laura DellAntonio

board games

SGA HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2007

Thursday, September 27

Women's Tennis vs. Geneva - 4:00 p.m.

SGA Pep Rally - 7:00 p.m.

Alpha Gamma Delta's Newlywed Game - directly following SGA Pep Rally

Celebrity Series - Wayne Newton - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 28

Women's Tennis vs. Mount Union - 3:45 p.m.

CPC's Titan's Tavern - featuring The Victory Year & Cloverleaf - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

Homecoming Parade - 10:30 a.m.

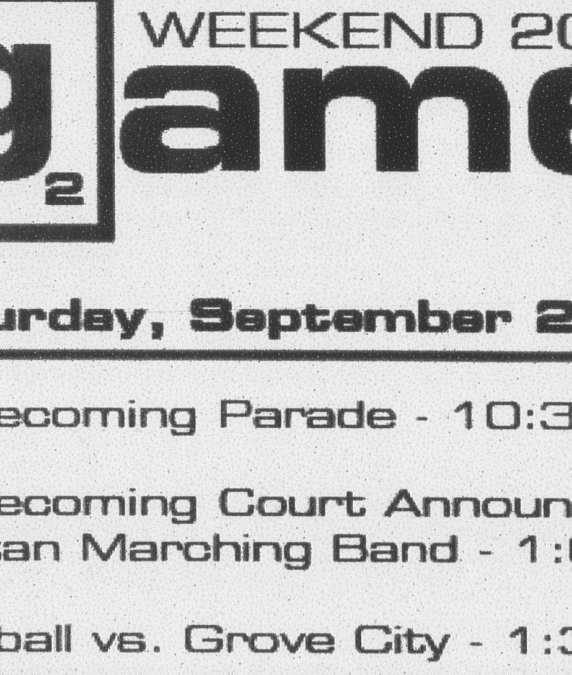
Homecoming Court Announcement & Titan Marching Band - 1:00 p.m.

Football vs. Grove City - 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Saint Vincent - 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Saint Vincent - 4:00 p.m.

CPC Presents Johnny Cardinale - 8:00 p.m.



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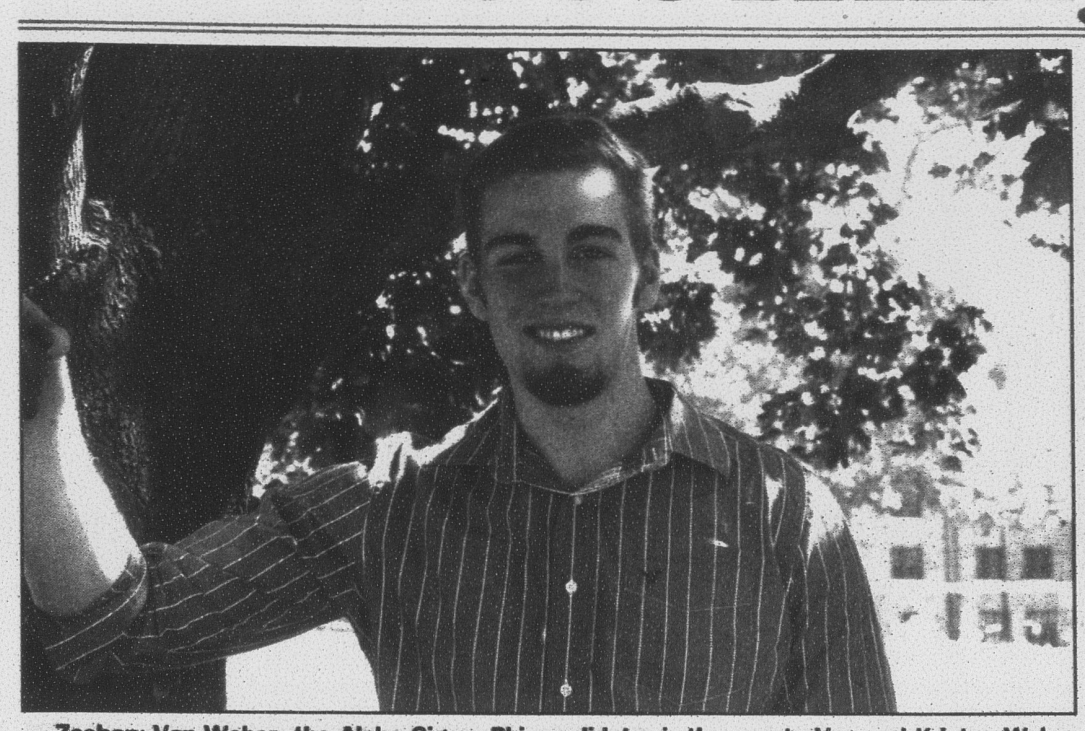
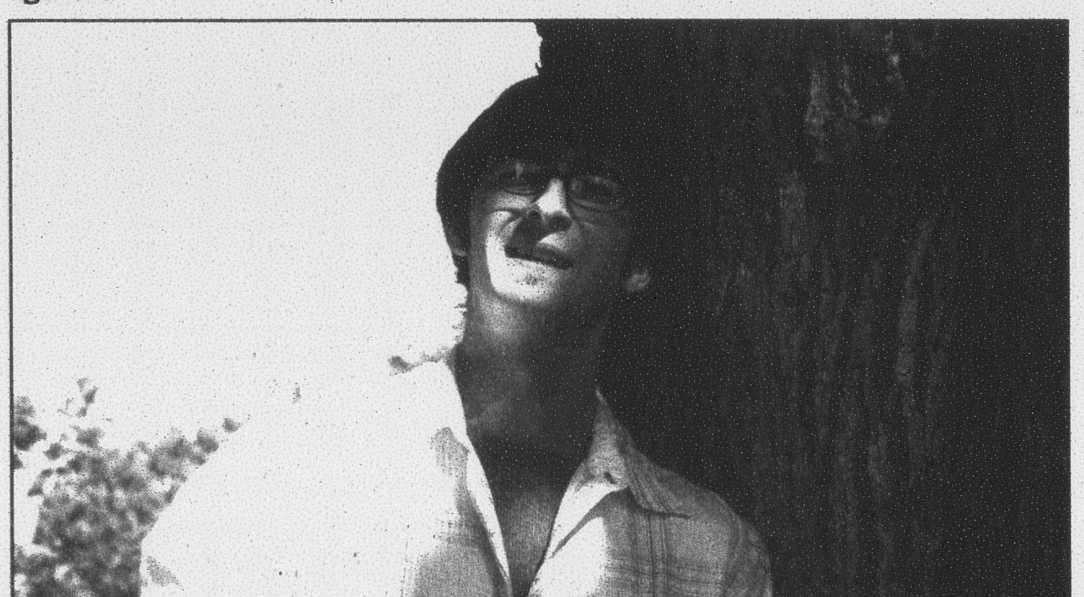


Zachary Van Weber, the Alpha Sigma Phi candidate, is the son to Van and Kristen Weber from Johnsonburg Pennsylvania. While majoring in Biology, Zach serves as Risk manager and Pledge Master for his fraternity. He is also a member of Beta Beta Beta, the Biology Honors Society, in which he is currently the vice president. Zach's activities include Track & Field, SAA, and Westminster's Ski & Snowboarding Club. His primary interests include his friends at WC, family, professional athletics and a variety of outdoor activities. Zach plans to continue his education within the medical field once he graduates Westminster.

Ashley Lynne Carnahan is the homecoming candidate representing Sigma Kappa Sorority. From Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Ashley is the daughter of Barb and Nick Sedunov and Dale and Beth Carnahan. She is a business administration major with a minor in Spanish and has been honored on the Dean's List every semester since her freshmen year. Ashley is currently the Student Concerns chair for the Student Government Association, the Publicity Chair for the Student Alumni Association and is a member of Students In Free Enterprise, the Campus Programming Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Fresh Start. She has also served as the President of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society, as well as the Special Events chair for both the Campus Programming Council and Student Government Association. After working as an intern for Live Nation Pittsburgh, Ashley hopes to pursue a career in either event planning and marketing or international business. Ashley would especially like to thank her family, friends, and Sigma Kappa sisters for all of their support and encouragement!



John Marlowe, the independent male candidate, is a Business Administration and Financial Economics Double major from Canfield, Ohio. On campus he is involved in organizations such as Titan Traverse, Students in Free Enterprise, Seekers, and the Economics Club. He is the Vice President of the Frisbee Club, and is a Resident Assistant in Eichenauer. His future goal is to work in banking.

Diana Peet, the candidate for Kappa Delta is a junior Music Education Major and Theatre Minor from Pittsford, New York. On campus she plays trumpet in the Titan Marching Band, is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, Concert Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, a choreographer for dance theatre and the president of show choir. She recently choreographed High School Musical at her hometown for over 130 middle school kids and cannot wait to be a full time music teacher. Diana would like to thank her parents, sisters, and boyfriend for their continued support.

Jamie Rae Spisak, the Alpha Gamma Delta homecoming candidate, is the proud daughter of Jim and Joyce Spisak, and the loving sister of her brother, Aaron. She currently hails from Phoenix, Arizona, where she graduated with honors from Mountain Ridge High School. She has been on the Dean's List for the past four semesters at Westminster College and has a Speech Communications major with minors in both Spanish and Theatre. You can see Jamie Rae around campus when she participates in Dance Theatre, gives tours of the Westminster campus with SWAT, drives the Happy Bus for SADD, and when she is spending time with her friends. Jamie Rae loves being a sister of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and is ecstatic to be representing her amazing sisters, without whom she would not be where she is today. Alpha Gamma Delta makes Westminster College Jamie's home away from home.

David Dean, the candidate from Phi Kappa Tau is a Psychology major from New Castle. He is the treasurer and parliamentarian of Phi Kappa Tau and a dagger boy for Kappa Delta. On campus he is involved in organizations such as College Feminists, Dance Theater, IFC, and is the president of Allies. He is also a Young Presbyterian Scholar. Off campus he works for Adagio Health as a peer educator and is a deacon at Third Presbyterian Church. David's future plans are to earn his PhD in psychology and he would like do both clinical work and teach.

Sarah Girard, the candidate for Phi Mu Fraternity, is a Fine Arts major and a Music minor from Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Along with classes, on campus she is involved with Fresh start, Women's choir, Marching band, croquet club, working in the theater scene shop, and her sorority. She is currently the Director of Recruitment and was previously the Special Events and Public Relations Chairs. Back home Sarah remains active in her church's hand bell choir, christian education program, art department at her high school, and facilitates the adventure courses for Westminster Highlands along with occasionally lifeguarding. She enjoys rafting, rock climbing, anything to do with art, and is currently anticipating her SCUBA certification this semester! Her future goals are to travel, do art, and be happy! She would like to thank her family and lovely sisters for all of their love and support!

Adam Teeple, the candidate from Sigma Nu, is a double History and Political Science major from Rochester, NY. On campus he is involved in SIFE, College Republicans, and IFC. His future goal is to be a lawyer.

Campus News

SADD and the happy bus

By Benjamin O'Keefe
Campus Writer

After all those drinks do you really want to try and make it back home on your own? Well, you do not have to.

Every weekend the happy bus cruises the streets of New Wilmington picking students up and taking them to their destinations.

The happy bus is sponsored and run by Students Against Destructive Decisions, and its only goal is to keep the students of this campus safe.

The happy bus runs from 9:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night. This is also the first year that they will run the happy bus on reading day eve and other known party days that do not fall on weekends. The bus can be contacted by calling its new cell phone. The number is (724) 657-4316 and can be reached any time the bus is active.

"Don't be afraid or embarrassed of calling the happy bus," SADD Vice President Leah Maxwell said. "It's a great service, so take advantage of it."

As handy as it may be, the happy bus is limited where it can take students. The happy bus can make stops at the fraternity houses, the dormitories and, as of this year, local apartments. They cannot give rides to Subway or make a late night Sheetz run.

It is convenient to have a service like the happy bus on campus, but convenience is not the overall goal. It often saves students from walking through miserable weather, but that is not the only helpful thing that it does.

"There have been a few times where I got the happy bus to take some people home who wanted to drive," sophomore Brad Adams said. "If they tried to drive themselves, who knows what could have happened."

With the new cell phone, contacting the happy bus is easier then ever, making it a powerful tool against drunk driving.

The services that SADD provides seem as though they would go unopposed on campus, but that is not the case. There are some that believe that a service like the happy bus tends to encourage underage drinking.

"Drinking is going to happen on this campus," SADD President Amanda Bohler said. "We are here to keep the people that do safe, not encourage them to."

Another problem that SADD encounters is that there is a shortage of people available to drive the bus. These problems may hinder the organization, but they are not enough to stop SADD from supplying its services to the campus.

The happy bus is sponsored by Students Against Destructive Decisions. SADD is devoted to keeping the students of this campus safe.

They currently have about 50 members and are always looking for new members and are open to ideas. They are currently working to sponsor new activities on campus, such as awareness events and possibly clothing.

If you are interested in more information, e-mail President Amanda Bohler at bohleraj@westminster.edu.

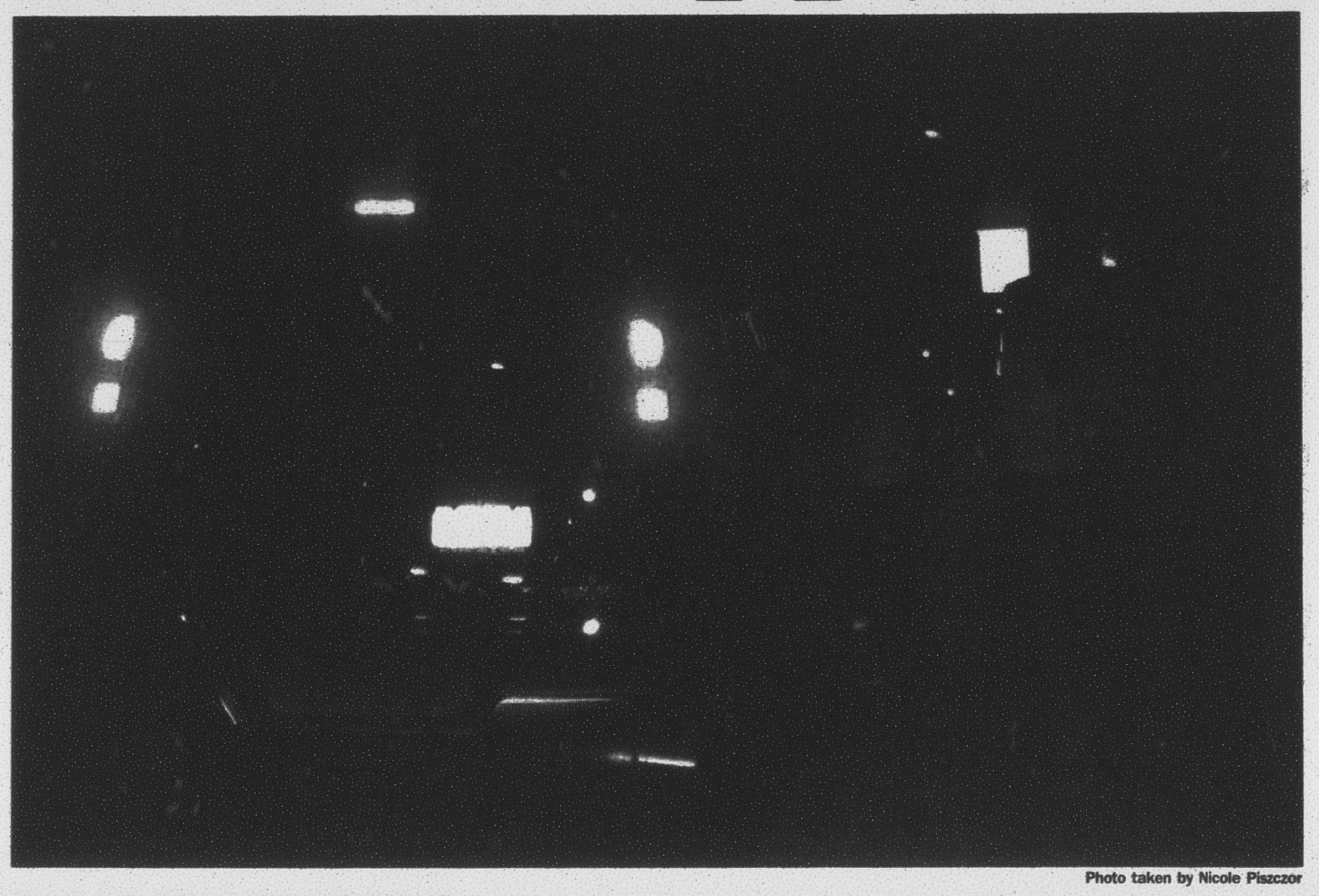


Photo taken by Nicole Piszczor

Have you ridden the happy bus?

The happy bus is sponsored and run by SADD to provide transportation during the weekend nights and to keep students safe. It runs from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night.

Las Vegas comes to New Wilmington

Entertainer Wayne Newton to kick off a new celebrity series season

Photo from commons.wikimedia.org

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

The Celebrity Series opens its fortieth season with a performance by Wayne Newton.

The Las Vegas entertainer is scheduled to perform in Orr Auditorium on Thursday, September 27 at 8:00 p.m.

"Wayne Newton, who is a current contestant on Dancing with the Stars, is leaving Los Angeles and flying to Pittsburgh on Thursday morning," Celebrity Series Director Gene DeCaprio said. "After the show here, Newton will get on a private jet and fly to Vairginia for another show then fly back to Los Angeles by Monday."

Wayne Newton is known as "Mr. Las Vegas," where he has been the strip's top performer for over 10 years. Newton has won the Entertainer of the Year award more than any other performer. He also holds the record for being the highest-paid club performer in Las Vegas.

"This is the fortieth anniversary of the Celebrity Series," DeCaprio said. "We really wanted to start this year off big, and the Wayne Newton show will help us do just that."

Newton specializes in a variety of genres including pop, rhythm and blues, ballads, country and rock music. He is also known to perform instrumental solos and is noted for his comedic timing.

"I think the Wayne Newton show will draw in a lot of people from the community, because he seems to attract an older fan base," junior Melissa Murphy said. "It is exciting that we are able to get someone as famous as Wayne Newton to come to campus, and it sounds like it is going to be a really good show."

On ABC's hit show Dancing with the Stars, Newton is paired with Cheryl Burke, who is the only two-time past winner of Dancing with the Stars.

"It is possible that Cheryl Burke will also be coming to campus in order for them to keep practicing while Newton is here for the show," DeCaprio said. "We have even offered them the use of the dance studio in Old 77 to practice in."

In addition, a film crew from Dancing with the Stars might be on campus to film the Celebrity Series show and Newton's visit to the college. The footage would be used in clips about Newton on Dancing with the Stars.

"This has not been confirmed yet, but if a film crew does come, there is the possibility that clips of Westminster College would appear on Dancing with the Stars," DeCaprio said.

Around 20 musicians and technicians will accompany Newton during his visit to the campus. In addition, six local musicians will get the opportunity to perform in the show. Among the six local performers are professors Richard Greig, Jim Flowers and Andy Erb.

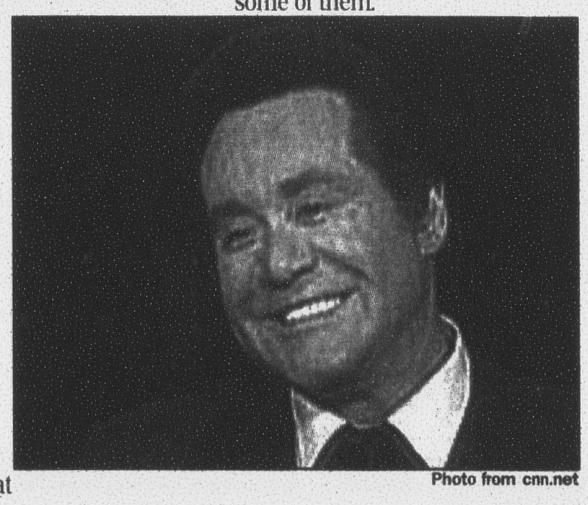
"The Celebrity Series is a cultural resource for the whole region," DeCaprio said. "We have recently upgraded Orr Auditorium, which makes the shows a lot nicer for the technicians, performers, and audience."

Other upcoming Celebrity Series shows include Mac Frampton and the Hollywood Hills Orchestra, Brian Stokes Mitchell in Concert, Marie Osmond and "The Magic of Christmas," The Lowe Family, and the broadway hit show Evita.

"Marie Osmond is also a current contestant on Dancing with the Stars," DeCaprio said. "That means that out of the six shows that we have coming up this year, two of the performers are featured on national television."

The Celebrity Series is also bringing two special shows to the campus this semester. The children's show this year is "Arthur and the Tooth Fairy" with a personal appearance by author Marc Brown. The other special show is entitled "War Bonds – The Letters and Songs of World War II," and is a tribute to Veteran's Day.

"I have gone to a couple of the Celebrity Series shows in the past and have really enjoyed them," junior Jenna Rosenbauer said. "The upcoming shows seem interesting, and I am excited to go and see some of them."



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Thank goodness it's paved!

Student affairs held a celebration Friday, Sept. 21 upon the completion of the Maple St. paving project. Sodexho graciously provided refreshments as the campus community gathered outside by the newly-paved Maple Street.

Sports

Lady kickers move record to 5-2-2 in the season

Women's soccer defeats Pitt-Greensburg 1-0

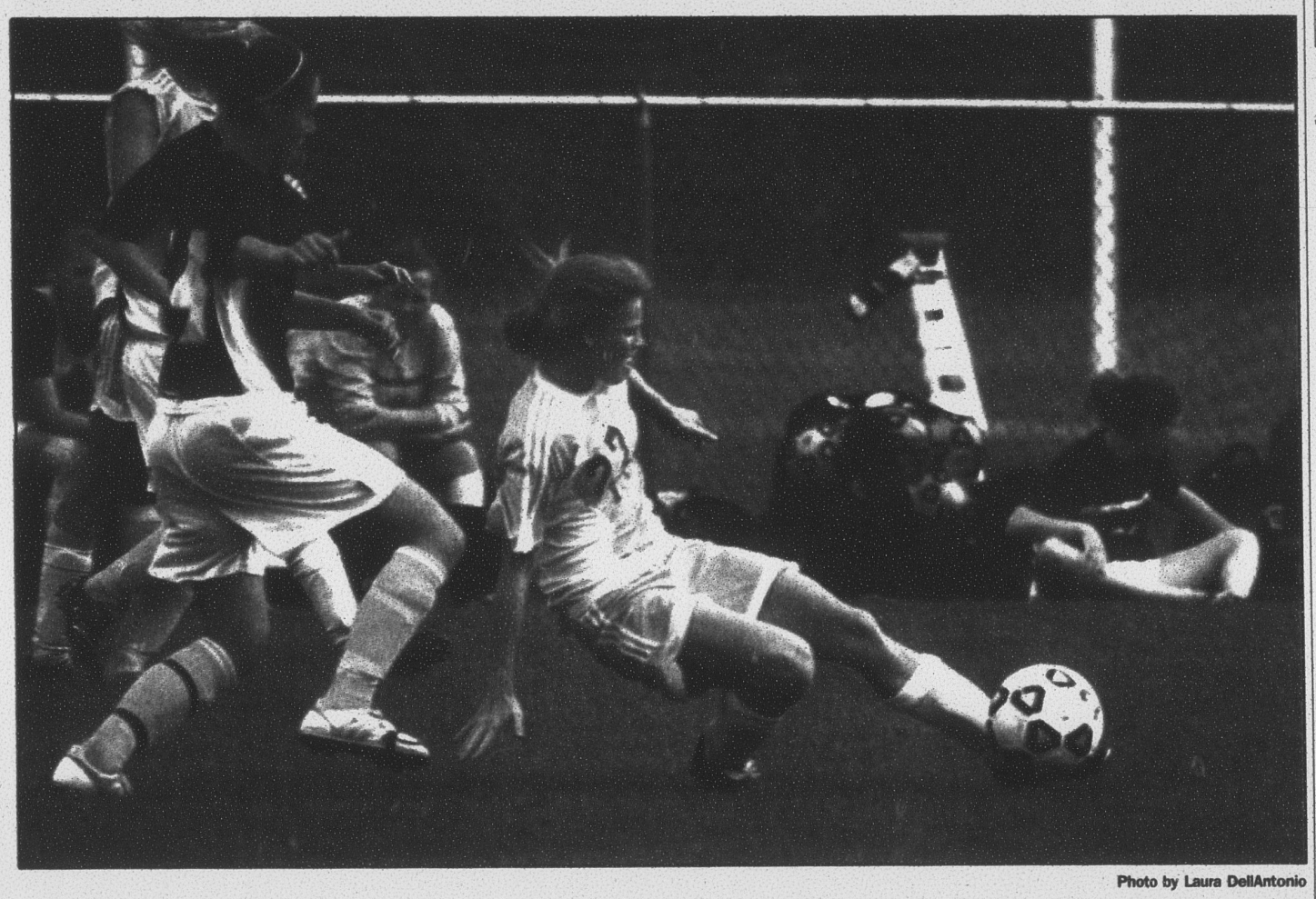


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Freshman forward Krista Goralczyk slide tackles the ball away from a Baldwin Wallace player during the 0-2 loss on Sept. 22. The Titans are 5-2-2 and face Saint Vincent at home on Sept. 29.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team finished last week with a 5-2-2 record after registering a win against Pitt-Greensburg and dropping games against both Allegheny and Baldwin-Wallace.

The Titans added their fifth shutout win last Tuesday after defeating Pitt-Greensburg at home, 1-0.

Freshmen Hannah Schade and Krista Goralczyk assisted sophomore Lauren Graeser, who scored the game-winning goal.

The Titans out-shot Pitt-Greensburg by a 21-6 margin.

Sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott made four saves resulting in her second shutout of the season.

The soccer team hosted Allegheny in non-conference action on Thursday, Sept. 20. The Titans registered their first loss as the Gators beat them 1-0.

Allegheny's Katie Murphy scored the game-deciding goal. Overall, the Gators out-shot the Titans 18-9.

Mellott made 14 saves during the game.

The visiting Yellow Jackets overcame the Titans last Saturday with a 2-0 win in a non-conference game.

Baldwin-Wallace's Linsey Clapacs and Stephanie Geiger registered one goal apiece. Allie Wojtkun assisted on both goals.

Mellott faced 14 shots and made six saves during the match-up.

The Titans have out-scored their opponents 21-6 so far this season. Schade leads the team with five goals followed by Graeser and junior Christina Adams with four goals apiece.

Overall the Titans have also over shot their opponents with a 170-64 margin.

Goaltender Mellott has 50 saves on the season.

The Titans return to action Saturday, Sept. 29, when they will host Saint Vincent.

Soccer elation in sports nation?

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

"Two games to greatness!" This is the headline everywhere in the United States where soccer is appreciated and revered. What's the catch? Good luck finding places in the United States where soccer is appreciated and revered.

As the United States women fight for the most coveted prize in their sport, "Sports Nation" sits back in anticipation for college football on Saturday and the NFL on Sunday. This team is full of extraordinarily athletic women and has made it to the final four in a tournament not just encompassing the United States, but a tournament in which the competition is the whole world.

As I flipped on Sportscenter to listen to John Anderson and Linda Cohn, I heard about Michael Vick's troubles and Milton Bradley's blowup, but I heard no in depth coverage about the women poised to make a statement as the best soccer team in the world.

Now, anyone who reads my column knows that I myself am a football guy, and I believe that will never change. However, I felt that what this soccer team is doing deserves some attention. I question why the general sports media gives no time to such a potentially incredible run by this team.

The United States may never become a soccer nation, but maybe a lot of that has to do with the media. For instance, think back to when David Beckham announced he would be coming to play in the MLS. "Becks" was on Sportscenter everyday. The media decided that David Beckham would be the savior who would lead the United States to soccer's promise land.

Forget David Beckham, the United States women and what they are accomplishing could be what makes soccer a recognizable part of sports culture in the United States.

Can these women turn "Sports Nation" into soccer fanatics similar to football fans? Probably not, but if the media would give this team the attention it rightly deserves, the United States would at least have a pulse and appreciation for the magnitude of what these women have accomplished.

In what started as a 16 team tournament, the Women's World Cup has now transformed into a four entity power struggle. In the semi-finals, the United States will meet a talented team from Brazil. I would expect the physicality of the United States to trump the flair of Brazil.

On the other side of the bracket, Norway will be no match for a determined Germany. Although Germany is tough, I think the United States will play with a physical style en route to being crowned the best soccer team in the world.

Win or lose, the Women's World Cup is a huge event that the media has not given fair attention. If soccer loyalists want the United States to recognize and appreciate soccer, then perhaps the media should start not by sensationalizing an old and outdated player in David Beckham, but rather by capturing and cultivating America with what has been accomplished by the United States women's soccer team.

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Titan kickers head into heart of the PAC season

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the days of September are slowly winding down, the Titan's soccer season is just getting into the heap of things. Although the Titans only had one game this past week, they will be heading into the season full blast this upcoming week with three games; one of which is the first conference game of the season.

The week really started out for the Titans one day before their game on Monday, Sept. 17, when the PAC recognized two of the men's soccer players with weekly awards. Senior forward Andrew Saporito and freshman goalkeeper Mike Codita both received this award for their performances in the previous week.

Saporito was named PAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week after he scored three goals on 10 shots throughout the week of September 10. Included in these goals was the game-tying goal in the 77th minute in Westminster's 1-1 tie with Penn State Behrend on Saturday, Sept. 15. Saporito was also able to put two goals away in a 2-1 double-overtime win at Lake Erie on September 12.

Codita was named PAC Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week after making 11 saves in 110 minutes against Penn State Behrend.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Titans traveled to Penn State Beaver for a first ever match-up with the team. The Titans were able to put away six goals to shutout Penn State Beaver. Freshman goal keepers Codita and Lance Leathers both contributed to the shutout by posting two saves a piece. The Titans were able to outshoot Penn State Beaver 27-4.

Senior midfielder Garrett Horvath was able to score a hat trick while sophomore forward Brice Lott added two more goals for the Titans. Saporito was able to claim the assist on two of Horvath's goals. Freshman midfielder Aaron Zavora scored the remaining goal for the Titans.

By claiming victory over Penn State Beaver, the Titans improved their overall record to 4-2-1. Being the only game of the week, the Titans would have nothing to do but practice.

"It was nice to have the rest of the week off so we are rested for Baldwin Wallace, one of the better teams we're going to see this year," Saporito said.

The Titans know that their game on Tuesday, Sept. 25, against Baldwin-Wallace is going to be a hard one. Later in the week, on Thursday, Sept. 27, the Titans will take the field again for a game against Pitt-Johnstown. The Titans will also begin conference play with Saint Vincent on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Lady Titan volleyball wins two back-to-back

The ladies add two wins to bring their PAC record to 3-0, look to recover from slow start

By Tom Campana
Sports Writer

After a slow start to their season, the Lady Titans traveled to St. Vincent this past Saturday in contention of building their record back up for PAC play.

The women's volleyball team drew battle against two PAC teams in a triangular style match. After losing nine of their last 10 matches, the Lady Titans started their day against the 4-11 Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

As an uphill battle with several injuries and change of positions, the Titans won all three of their matches in battle against Waynesburg. Senior middle hitter Jess Cooper posted 10 kills in the victory over the Yellow Jackets, as the Titans won 30-15, 30-28 and 30-21 in their PAC sweep.

"I'm really proud of all the girls because we all played well during both games. It's nice to see all of our hard work from camp and tournament play pay off," Cooper said.

After their Waynesburg sweep, the Lady Titans kept their high caliber of play up as they upset the St. Vincent Bearcats in an old fashion five-game shoot out. Although St. Vincent is in their provisional year, the Lady Titans did not hold back as they split the first four games with the Bearcats.

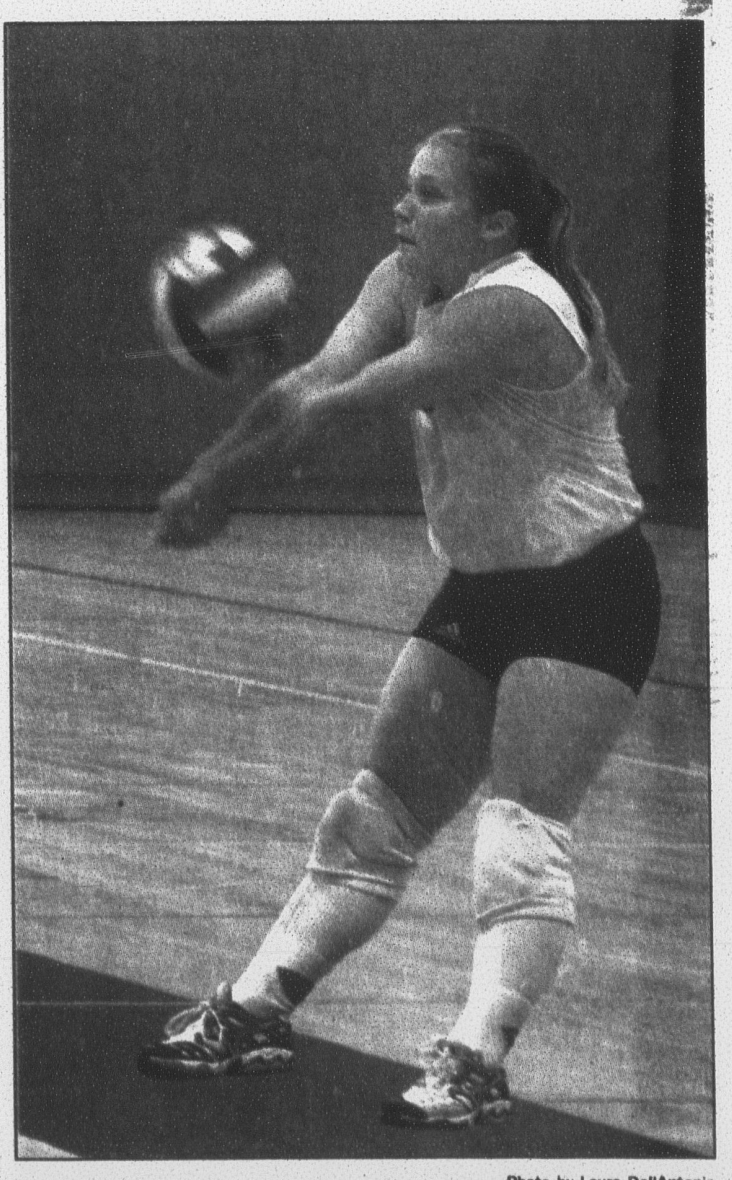
"We've been practicing really hard, and it translated onto the court this weekend. We really clicked," senior Danielle Hogue said.

Junior setter Traci Hassell posted 48 assists and eight blocks, while senior Libero Hannah Parker tagged on 37 digs in route to a huge Bearcat upset.

The Lady Titans took the last game in a dramatic fashion as they beat St. Vincent 15-8. This is the first time since St. Vincent has joined the PAC that they have been taken to a five-game series and were beaten on their home court.

"I think everyone played very well. We have all been working so hard during the practices so it feels really good to have upset Saint Vincent, especially in their own gym," Hassell said.

The Lady Titans are currently 5-10 overall this season and 3-0 in PAC play as they occupy the number two spot. The next match will be Wednesday against Bethany, as the Lady Titans hope to continue their rise to a PAC championship.



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Junior Kylene Hoch returns a serve for the Lady Titans, who beat Saint Vincent 3-2 on Sept. 22.

Sports

Women's tennis drop non-conference match

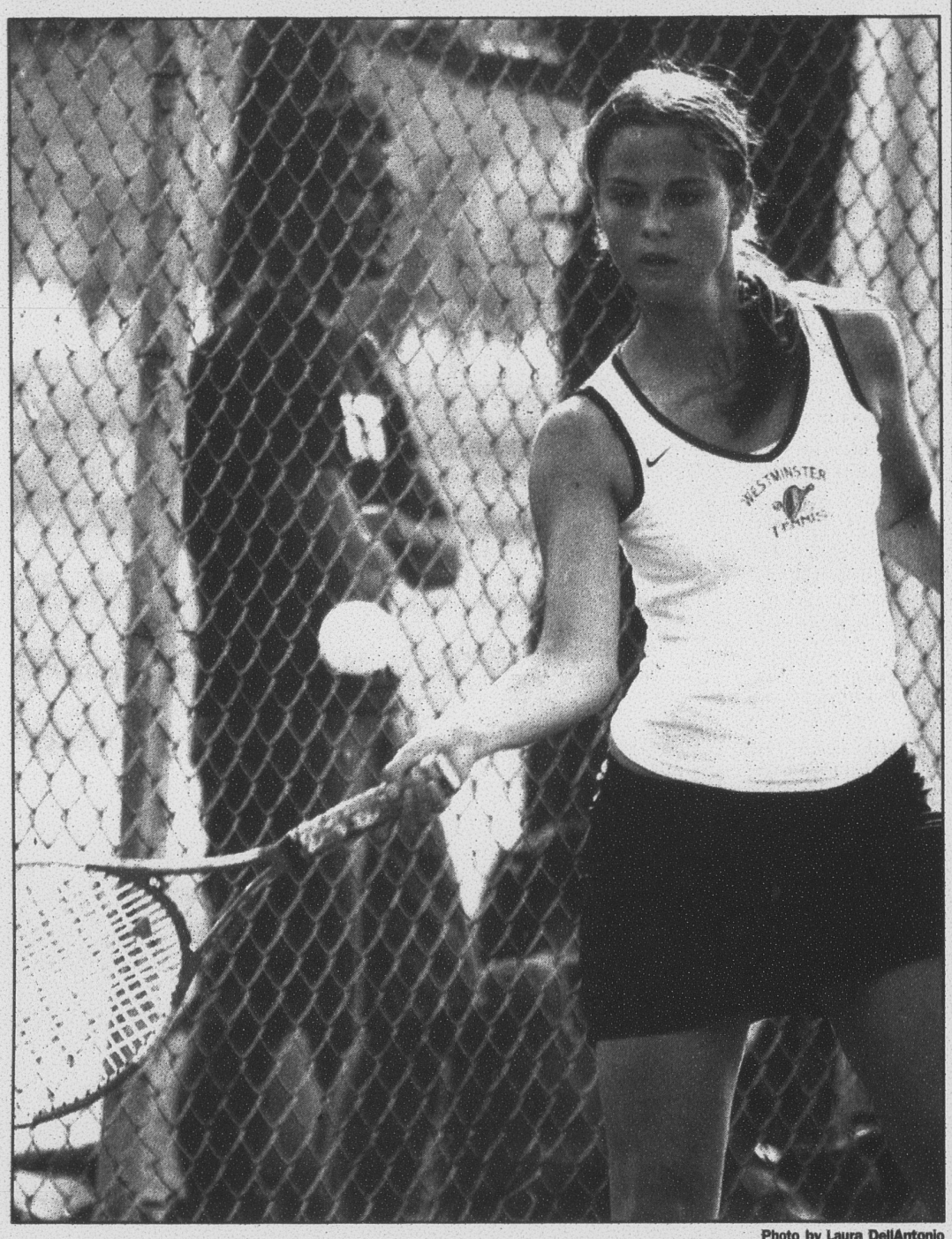


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

This Lady Titan tennis player keeps her eye on the ball during the game against Washington and Jefferson. The ladies went on to beat the PAC opponent 9-0.

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team lost a non-conference match, at home vs. Penn State-Behrend on Friday September 21, 6-3. The Titans are now 4-3 on the season. The women's tennis team picked up a 9-0 win at Washington and Jefferson Saturday in PAC action.

In singles competition at Number. 2, senior Dana Larson defeated Christy Calvert 6-3 and 6-3. At Number 3 singles, freshman Hilary Newman defeated Hilary Lasher, 6-0 and 6-2.

At Washington and Jefferson, in the singles competition at Number 1 singles, sophomore April Scudere defeated Allison Johnston, 6-0. At Number 2 singles, Larson defeated Jules Novak, 6-0 and 6-0, while Newman defeated Kerri DiGiovanni at Number. 3 singles.

In doubles, competition at Number 1 doubles, senior Christina Commisso and Larson defeated Allison Johnston and Jules Novak. At Number 2 doubles, Scudere and Newman defeated Kerri DiGiovanni and Alyssa Trasignant, while at Number 3 doubles, senior Anna Will and junior Beth Erwin defeated Samantha Knapek and Sara Charley.

The women's tennis team shut out a conference opponent on the road in consecutive days with a 9-0 win at Bethany on Sunday, September 23.

In the singles, competition at number 1 singles, Scudere defeated opponent Ashley Current 6-2 and 6-0. At Number 2 and Number 3 singles, Larson and Newman defeated Bethany players. In addition, at Number 4 singles Commisso defeated Jen Hubble, 6-0 and 6-0.

In doubles, play at No. 1 team Larson and Commisso beat Ashley Current and Kathleen Thompson, while team Scudere and Newman conquered Sarah Goho and Krista Holyak, 8-0. And at No. 3 doubles, freshman Rachel Jack and Natalie Hruska defeated Jen Hubble and Krystal Robinson, 8-0.

The Lady Titans will next meet Geneva at home for a 4:00 p.m. start.

Men and women's cross country teams compete in invitational at St. Vincent

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Saint Vincent College Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 22. The Titan men placed sixth out of 12 teams with 202 points, while the Titan women took seventh out of 11 squads with 187 points.

Sophomore Jeremiah Patterson placed 24th overall as the Titans' top finisher with a 5-mile time of 29:31. Saint Vincent, led by No. 1 overall finish Adam Smith, won the men's team standings with 35 points, followed by California (Pa.) (60), Carnegie Mellon (63), Seton Hill (126), Davis & Elkins (132), Westminster (202), Fairmont State (214), Pitt-Greensburg (218), West Liberty State (233), Waynesburg (258), Franciscan (299) and Point Park (302).

Sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley finished as the top Westminster women's racer with a 5-kilometer time of 21:41 for 28th place. Franciscan won the team event for the women with a score of 29, followed by Seton Hill (75) - and overall top finisher Anna Cote (19:37) - Waynesburg (89), Saint Vincent (95), Clarion (111), California (Pa.) (153), Westminster (187), Fairmont State (208), Pitt-Greensburg (279), Davis & Elkins (296), and Point Park (299).

The Titans return to action Saturday, October 6 when they host the Westminster Invitational, their second home race of the season.

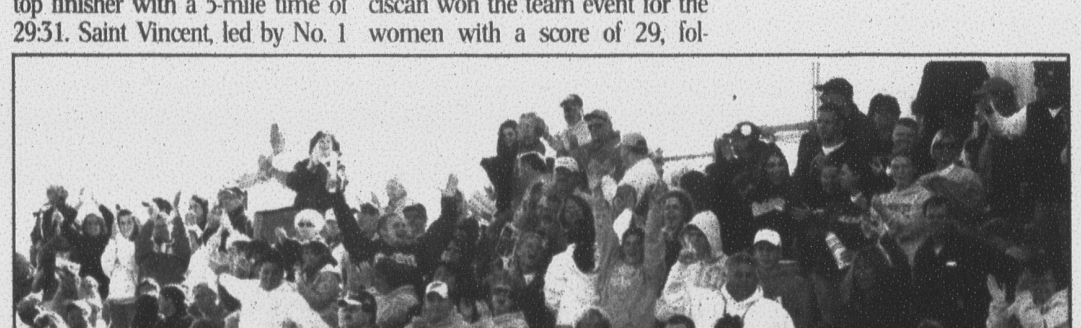


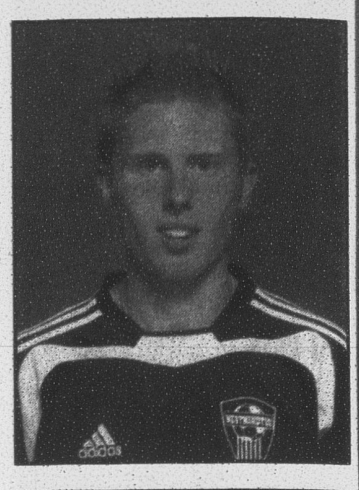
Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Rowdy fans cheer at the Titan football game against Geneva College on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Titans host Grove City College for the Homecoming football game Saturday, Sept. 28 at 1:00

Titan athletic honors

Titan athletes of the week

Garrett Horvath: Men's Soccer

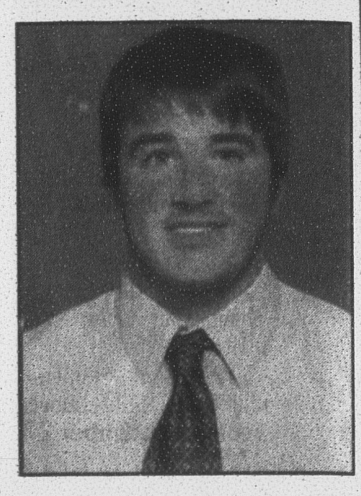


Senior men's soccer player Garrett Horvath has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the StudentAthlete Advisory Committee(SAAC) for the week of Sept.18-24. Horvath scored a hat trick in a 6-0 win at Penn State Beaver with goals in the 19th, 35th and 63rd minutes to give him a team high six goals on the season.

Horvath is a two year letterman entering his senior year started in nine of 10 matches played as a junior (2006.) He was injured after one match and sat out the entire season as a sophomore (2005,) but he played in all 21 games with 20 starts as a freshman (2004.) Horvath led team in scoring with six goals and eight assists for 20 points on 37 shots. He also acieved a team high four game-winning goals.

Horvath is a business major from Southlake,Texas.

Brett Ziegler: Varsity Football



Senior football player Brett Ziegler has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the StudentAthleteAdvisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Sept. 11-17. Ziegler caught six passes for 159 yards including two touchdowns of 25 and 74 yards in Westminster's 37-14loss to Geneva. He also moved into eighth place on Westminster's career receptions list with 101, surpassing Gary Hughes who had 96 catches from 1963-66.

Zigler Two-year starter and letterman. This is his fourth year on the team and he entered the 2007 season ranked ninth on school's career receptions list with 90 (school record is 140.) He started all 10 games as a junior (2006,) earned second team all-PAC honors, was voted team and offensive MVP and ranked second in the PAC with 5.5 receptions per game .

Ziegler is a history major from Somerset, Pa.

PAC Defensive player of the week

Chris Ellwanger: Men's Soccer

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) named men's soccer player Chris Ellwanger as its PAC Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week. Ellwanger, a junior defender, was a part of Westminster's back line that allowed just four shot attempts in a 6-0 win at Penn State-Beaver on Tuesday, Sept. 18. This is the second time Ellwanger has received this award in his career.

Ellwanger is a two-year starter and letterman. He started all 21 matches as a sophomore and earned a first team all-PAC selection along with a third team all-Mid-Atlantic Region by d3kicks.com. Ellwanger assisted on a goal in the PAC championship game at Bethany last season He also earned PAC Academic Honor Roll, started all 20 games as a freshman (2005,) registered four assists. He also earned his first PAC defender of the week honors on October 15, 2006.

Ellwanger is a physics major from South Park, Pa.

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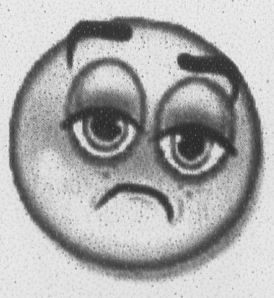

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Calendar

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

International AV Week

Voting for Homecoming Court (e-mail ballots)

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Careers Day Mini Expo (TBA)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Voting for Homecoming Court (paper ballots) (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Shannon Smithey, "The Role of Constitutional Courts in Emerging Democracies" (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:40 AM See You at the Pole (Peace Pole)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Voting for Homecoming Court (paper ballots) (MCC TUB)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Volleyball@ Bethany*

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, September 27, 2007

International AV Week

Voting for Homecoming Court (e-mail ballots)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Voting for Homecoming Court (paper ballots) (MCC TUB)

12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Pitt-Johnstown

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Geneva

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM SGA's Titan Pep Rally (MCC The TUB)

7:00 PM E-mail Voting for Homecoming Court Ends

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Wayne Newton (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:30 PM Alpha Gamma Delta Philanthropy Event: Newlywed Game (Homecoming Candidate Version) (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, September 28, 2007

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:45 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Mount Union

4:00 PM Biology Department Lecture by Distinguished Alumni (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Mr. Brooks (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PMTitan's Tavern: Featured Bands -- The Victory Year and Cloverleaf (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: License to Wed (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 29, 2007

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

8:30 AM Homecoming Market Street Mile (Corner Market Street and Route 208)

10:30 AM Homecoming Parade

11:00 AM Volleyball @ Thomas More

1:00 PM Volleyball @ Franklin (at Thomas More)

1:00 PM Presentation of Homecoming Court and Titan Band Performance (Burry Stadium)

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Grove City*

2:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Saint Vincent

4:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Saint Vincent

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Johnny Cardinale, Comedian (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: License to Wed (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Mr. Brooks (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 30, 2007

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Walk (Sandi Edmiston Memorial Labyrinth at the Outdoor Lab)

2:30 PM Women's Tennis @ Penn State-Behrend

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: License to Wed (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Mr. Brooks (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, October 1, 2007

Harassment Prevention Training Sessions

TBA MEN'S GOLF v. Westminster Invitational

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Geneva

5:15 PM PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Men's Soccer @ Geneva

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:30 PM Pre-Veterinary Society Meeting (Hoyt 166)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course Held First Half of Semester -- $15 Fee

TBA Women's Golf @ Grove City Invitational

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

12:45 PM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Bethany

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:15 PM Panhellenic Council Meeting (Ferguson 111)

5:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board (MCC Room 255)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

6:30 PM Mock Convention Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Washington & Jefferson*

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Darwin Huey, "How I Spent My Sabbatical Leave" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Allegheny

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 35

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Annual Henderson Lecture: Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

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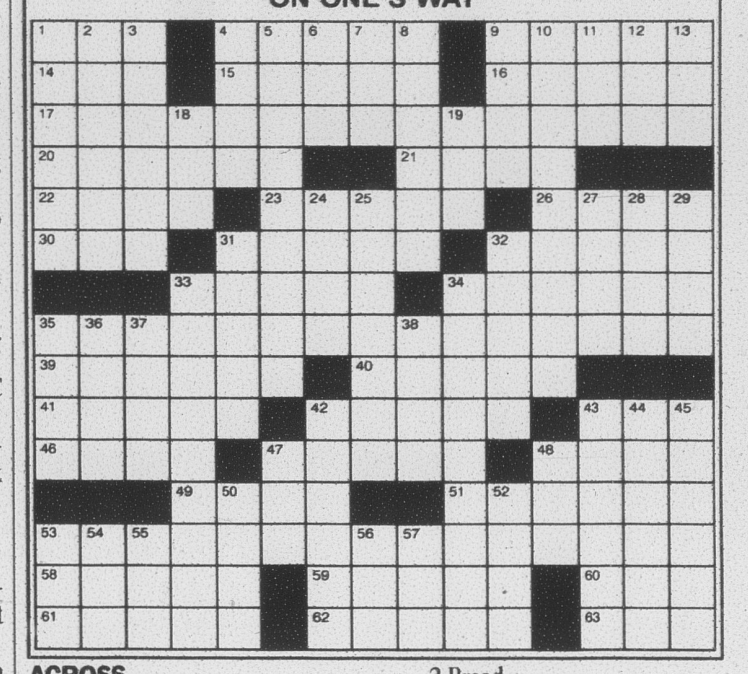

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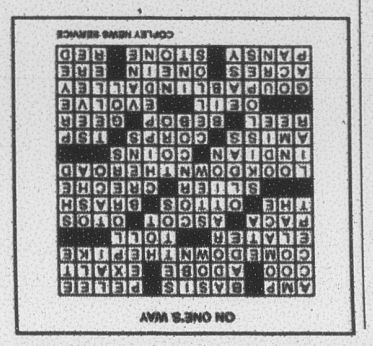

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

Take great strides to avoid making costly errors on important financial paperwork and documents. Read the fine print and sign your name in the appropriate or designated places.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Be aware that platonic feelings could turn into something serious and wonderful. Open your heart and explore the possibilities of a brand-new relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Square your shoulders and face criticism with your head held high. See this as an opportunity to improve your weaknesses and rise above discord.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Make the most of a very exciting and adventurous social period. Children are a major source of joy. Join them in activities that promote good, clean fun.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

Lie low and make plans to relax around the house this week. Concentrate on emotional housecleaning as well as coming to terms with old regrets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

Several offbeat, unusual or creative ideas will float through your mind. Grab a pen and pad and document them in a clear and concise format.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Make sticking to your budget a top priority this week. After working so hard to achieve a financial goal, do not blow it with frivolous spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Be aware of the impulsive mood that threatens to overtake you. Keep your balance with self-discipline and selfless acts of service to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Your instincts are right on target. Pay attention to the subconscious inklings or tidbits of information that come through to your conscious awareness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Friends will benefit and grow as a result of your support and understanding. Share kind and encouraging words to lift their spirits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Practice patience in business matters. Bide your time to avoid making hasty decisions that could come back to haunt you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Your thoughts will create the reality of your life. Maintain a positive and upbeat attitude and attract wealth, prosperity and good friends.

If your birthday is this week:

Expect some intense moments in romance and finance during the coming year. Come up with an unconventional solution to the problems that arise in any personal relationships. Focus on the development of a new business or personal project. Step up to the plate and be daring, and unafraid to explore the unknown.

Also born this week:

Roy Rogers, Ethan Hawke, Billy Graham, Jack Osbourne, Mary Travers, Donna Fargo and Leonardo DiCaprio.

Sudoku!

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McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

September 27-29

HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

Friday:
9:30pm - The Victory Year and Cloverleaf
Saturday:
8pm - Johnny Cardinale

"Mr. Brooks"

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"License to Wed"

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10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

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Upcoming Fall Entertainment:

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Oct. 13 - Lynn Trefzger
Oct 26 - Ben Portz - JD Eicher
Oct. 27 - Night Owl Bowling

Arts & Entertainment

Chris spills about The Receiving End of Sirens

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I drove up the dark street that marks the heart of Millvale, looking for a parking spot. As I drew closer to the premier Pittsburgh venue known as Mr. Smalls, I knew that the Boston band The Receiving End of Sirens, would blow me away.

During the past two months, the band has garnered enough of my attention that I have managed to see them twice - something I have never done in my years of going to shows. The members' ability to capture their audience with their sheer musical brilliance has left me both delighted and spellbound.

Last month, TREOS released their second full-length album, entitled *The Earth Sings Mi Fa Mi*. It is a concept album based on the Coraolis Effect, or the Earth's tilt on its axis. Full of mystic imagery and ambience, *Mi Fa Mi* is a record that possesses both musical prowess and integrity.

Compared to their first full-length, *Between the Heart and the Synapse*, an incredible post-hardcore/ambient onslaught, *Mi Fa Mi* captures the listeners' attention with subtleties and grace.

"A Realization of the Ear" is a Radioheadesque tune that incorporates lush production, including sampled drums, keyboards and synthesizers. "Wanderers" is a track much the same, except with more delayed guitars and a bigger sound.

With the incorporation instruments such as the glockenspiel and Rhodes piano, *Mi Fa Mi* shows the band has undergone a change since Synapse.

"Those were things we wanted to use the first time around, but didn't have the time," drummer Andrew Cook said.

"The Rhodes is definitely a new element, and it started with Brendan saying, 'I really want to use a Rhodes on the next record,' so before we even started writing, we found one and started jamming with it, and luckily it fit in nicely with the vibe of the music."

Photo and album art from absolutepunk.net

Don't get me wrong, just because *Mi Fa Mi* may have softer points than *Synapse*, doesn't mean that the album still doesn't rock.

"Disappear (Oubliette)" is a faster, heavier track that would fit very well on *Synapse*. The band's first single "Smoke and Mirrors," is another heavy and melodic tune both crunching guitars and a catchy lead-line played on the Rhodes piano.

Live, the band is able to successfully play songs from both records very well. With background samples on some tracks and actual instrumentation on others, TREOS mold their stage presence around bands such as Radiohead, Thrice and Glassjaw. What impressed me most, however, were their vocal harmonies.

Brenden and Alex's voices sound very good together, and with partial back-ups from the newest-member Brian Southall, the band has a small team of skilled vocalists who are all able to both play and rock out at the same time.

The band just finished their first ever headlining tour with Emanuel and Envy on the Coast less than two weeks ago.

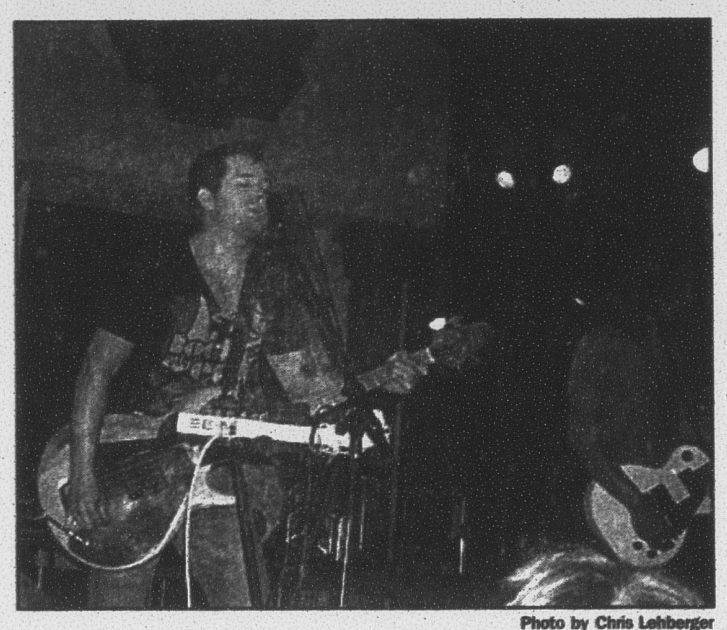


Photo by Chris Lehberger

"It was a great time. The members of Envy on the Coast are some of the most talented, fun and sincere people we've ever shared the stage with, and we cannot wait to tour with them again," Cook said.

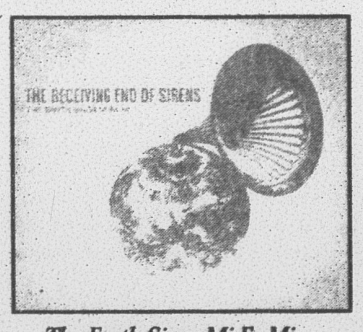
The band has a tour slated for this fall with road veterans Senses Fail, a band who gave TREOS their first real touring break three years ago, and pop-punk legends New Found Glory. According to their website, the co-headlining tour is set to start in Las Vegas on October 5 and end in San Diego on November 24.

"We can't wait for this tour. NFG was a big influence on us all growing up, and it's an honor to tour with them," Cook said. "Senses Fail gave us our first real touring break three years ago, so we can't wait to hang out with them again."

Q & A with Andrew Cooke from The Receiving End of Sirens

Q: How does it feel to be playing music for a living?

A: "It feels incredible, and we cherish it every day because you never know how long something's going to last. This has been a collective dream for us all since we were kids, so the fact that this dream is actually becoming reality, well, there's no real way to describe that feeling in words and do it justice.
We are just tremendously thankful that there are people out there who are getting what we are doing, and who are supporting us. We are going to keep doing this as long as we possibly can!"



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CD reviews

Spoon's popular sixth effort not worth a buy

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Some bands such as The Fray or Maroon 5 make it big in the music world with only one or two albums. In Spoon's case, it took them six records to finally make it on the United States' charts.

This American indie-rock band from Austin, Texas, uses a variety of effects and musical instrumentation on their new album entitled *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga*.

The band includes Britt Daniel on vocals, Jim Eno on drums, Eric Harvey on piano and Rob Pope on bass. Daniel is the main force of the band, writing most of their songs along with producing songs for "Interpol" and "Bright Eyes."

Spoon was formed by Daniel and Eno in 1994. They picked the name "Spoon" to honor the 1970s German band Can who had a hit song named "Spoon."

After a few years of bouncing around on different labels, Spoon finally settled with Merge Records, which has produced four of their six albums. Before *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga*, Spoon's fifth album *Gimme Fiction* debuted at #44 on the United States Billboard charts.

The Lineup
Britt Daniel - Vocals
Jim Eno - Drums
Eric Harvey - Piano
Rob Pope - Bass

Origin - Austin, Texas

Right now, the members of Spoon are exactly where they want to be, having the latest album debuting at #10 on the charts.

This record shows an attempt at diverse sounds and vocals. If you listened to one of the songs, you would probably find they have a great indie-rock vibe; although as I listened, it seemed as if the entire album became one, and every song eventually had the same rhythm and melody lines.

Photos from pitchforkmedia.com

"The Underdog" is one of the better songs on the album. Daniel's vocals sound like a mix of Rob Thomas and Billy Joel. In a way, this song is very similar to Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young," with worse storytelling.

What makes this song different from the others is that Spoon included a trumpet to bring out the chorus. At times, it begins to sound like a very Spanish song.

"The Ghost of You Lingers" is probably the worst song on the album. It has a repetitive piano that doesn't change throughout the entire song. They try to add synch effects on top of it; however, it comes out more annoying than it does well.

I suppose they are trying to make their vocals "linger" because you cannot even understand the lyrics to the song. In "You Got Yr. Cherry Bomb," Spoon includes a power piano, strong bass line and vibraphone sound, mixed with Daniel's David Bowie-like falsetto.

This song is as if one mixed Ocean Eleven's heist-like soundtrack with vocals. Basically meaning, they should not.

Overall, this album is great for an American Eagle Outfitter's mix to play while customers are shopping. (I am positive I have heard it in there before). Why would this be so good for stores?

Because it is brainless music and causes you to just think about what you are shopping for instead of how great the music is. I recommend anyone interested to just search this album on iTunes and purchase only a few songs that seem good and interesting to them. ("The Underdog" and "Black Like Me" were two of my favorites).

I do not recommend buying the entire album because it will put you to sleep. Spoon's attempt at being creative and producing a rock album that has not been produced in quite a while made it somewhat intriguing.

Other than that, they should work on trying to write catchy songs, rather than a continuous sound of strumming guitars and piano.

Ben's Rating: ★★☆☆☆ **Sounds like: Matchbox meets Billy Joel - in the food court**

Every Time I Die's new album is worth listening to more than once

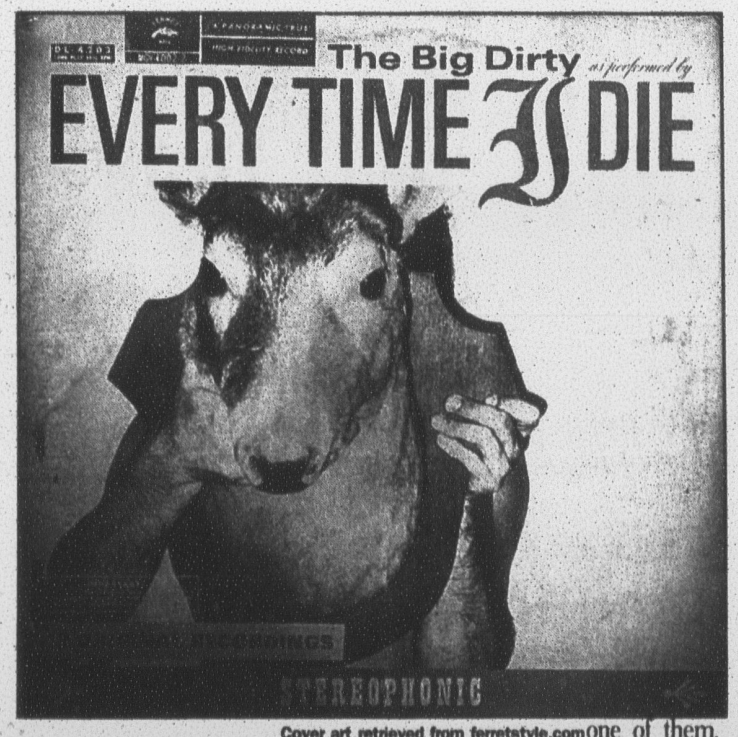
By Max Muska
A&E Writer

The band walked onstage wearing costumes at the show on Halloween night. Their outfits ranged from a dirty trucker to an evil fried egg with devil horns. I laughed and waited for their set to start, hoping that the music would be as entertaining as the costumes.

I was unpleasantly surprised. The entire set was mediocre at best, and I was glad when it was over.

But judging from their latest album, *The Big Dirty*, maybe Every Time I Die just had a hard time playing in costumes, or maybe they have become a better band since I saw them live two years ago. Either way, the new music is better than anything they have done before and I will give their live show another chance the next time they are in the area.

The entire album consists of songs that are similar in sound, which often makes a record boring. In rare cases, this album being one of them, the sound that is produced is so unique that it makes for a memorable listening experience. I have not stopped listening to this album since I first heard it last week.



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ETID has always played metal with southern rock influences, but this album explores both aspects even more than previous ones. There are many more rock parts, but that does not mean that fans of metal will be disappointed.

Each track displays the band's diverse sound. Some songs start out with heavy, technical metal parts and others begin with country-influenced rock riffs. By the middle of every song, the sound evolves into a strange hybrid of the two styles that is unlike anything I have listened to before.

From start to finish, this is a great record, but the final song, "Imitation is the Sincerest Form of Battery," is my favorite. It is the heaviest song and has the most impressive guitar work on the album. The song just has a certain groove to it, as does most of the album, which makes me repeat it over and over. It also includes the best specimen of the vocalists' diverse abilities.

The fifth track, "Rebel Without Applause," is equally impressive. It is much more on the southern rock side and will be the least favorite song for strict metal listeners. The majority of the vocals on this track are sung, which is different for the band.

From song to song, the vocal techniques differ greatly. For being primarily a yelling vocalist, Keith Buckley has a voice that both general rock and metal fans will enjoy. His yelling does not sound processed or screechy, and it is very easy to understand. He also makes use of his singing voice often on the record, adding to its overall diversity.

The lyrics are interesting as well. I have not been able to figure out what any of the songs are really about, because the lyrics are not straightforward. Regardless of their meaning, many of the lyrics are clever and poetic. The very last lyrics, which are at the end of "Imitation," are very odd: "It is better to destroy than to create what is meaningless, so the picture will not be finished," Buckley says with heavy emotion.

The band as a whole sounds cleaner and seems to be on the same page more than it was on previous albums. The members have created what is, in my opinion, the best album in its genre this year. Seemingly, Every Time I Die has finally found its niche in the world of metalcore.

Photo from mtv.com

Prior to this album's release, I was not into this band at all. Now I feel like I have been missing out. I should not have let one bad concert experience affect my overall opinion of a band. They are unique and, for that reason, it is hard to be an instant fan the first time you hear them.

If you are not a fan of metal, you will still probably enjoy this album, but do not just listen once and forget about it. Listen at least twice before making a judgment. Whether you like metal or not, it will take some time until you can truly appreciate the odd fusion of genres that Every Time I Die creates.

The Lineup:

Keith Buckley - Vocals
Andrew Williams - Guitar
Jordan Buckley - Guitar
Michael Novak - Drums
Origin - Buffalo, New York

Sounds like: a cross between Norma Jean and The Chariot

Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

The *Extinction* must be coming...

Third Resident Evil *flick suggests a dying breed*

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

The Cast:
Milla Jovovich - Alice
Oded Fehr - Carlos Olivera
Claire Redfield - Ali Larter
Iain Glen - Dr. Issacs
Jason O'Mara - Albert Wesker

This was the perfect tagline for *Resident Evil: Extinction*, because the *Resident Evil* movie series needs to improve or go the way of the dinosaurs, and this film is definitely the giant meteor to do it.

In the third movie of the series, Milla Jovovich's superhuman character Alice returns to fight the evil Umbrella Corporation led by Albert Wesker (Jason O'Mara).

Several years after the viral outbreak in Raccoon City shown in the first two films, the undead control the world. Unfortunately the virus-infected undead do not decompose, so the survivors must travel the Nevada desert in an armored convoy scrounging for gas and supplies.

Led by Claire Redfield (Ali Larter) and Carlos Olivera (Oded Fehr), the convoy decides to make its way to Las Vegas because all the supplies in the smaller towns have been exhausted.

Alice, who separates herself from the convoy because she can be tracked by Umbrella satellites, finds information that there may be a safe haven in Alaska. She makes her way to the convoy, and they decide to try and make it there.

Meanwhile, head Umbrella researcher Dr. Issacs (Iain Glen) finds out where Alice is and sends his experimental super zombies to kill her and the rest of the convoy.

Written by Paul W.S. Anderson, the plot is too simple and reminiscent of other crappy video game adaptations such as *House of the Dead* and *Dead or Alive*. Thankfully, some of the poor dialogue was rescued by Jovovich, Larter and Fehr who delivered some good acting. The supporting actors didn't do as well – there was some awkward and short dialogue.

Characterization is non-existent, so if you have not seen any of the other films do not expect to know who is who. This is somewhat understandable; with a run time of one hour and 35 minutes, most of the screen time was given to action scenes.

The cinematography was excellent, with long ,beautiful shots of the Nevada desert. Director Russel Mulcahy does well using the sun to his advantage, and he does not use a lot of shaky hand held shots like the previous *Resident Evil* film, which really distracted from the action.

This movie embodies what happens to most video game-to-film adaptations. They are poorly written, poorly filmed and poorly acted, and studios seem to produce them just to exploit money from the game's popularity.

The first film was surprisingly good, despite being much different from the game, but the next two films just rode on the popularity of the first. Most fans of the *Resident Evil* games would probably also agree that the filmmakers would have been better off keeping the storyline closer to the games.

Overall, okay acting, cinematography and action scenes made *Resident Evil: Extinction* entertaining, but not a very good film.

Erik's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Photo from collider.com

Jovovich's zombie-fighting skills are no match for a poor plot and script.

New season of *The Office* prepares for takeoff

Upcoming season has great momentum – that's what she said

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Recently, a friend told me that she has been having dreams where she has been working alongside Dwight Schrute. I find myself to be incredibly jealous of her.

For those of you who don't know who Dwight Schrute is, shame on you. For those of you who do, you know exactly why I am jealous.

The hit television show The Office has taken over my life. Thanks to the invention of DVDs and the internet, the last couple months of my life have been spent watching and re-watching episodes.

Countless "that's what she said" jokes have transpired, and I'm pretty sure I saw Michael Scott driving by me the other day.

What makes *The Office* such a special show are its characters. Like so many other great shows, characters can make or break the series. *The Office* sports some of the most dynamic characterization on television.

From a completely underqualified regional manager named Michael Scott, played by Steve Carell (*The 40 Year Old Virgin*, *Anchorman*), who throws himself his own birthday parties, to a disgruntled salesman named Stanley who just tries to make it through the day, *The Office* successfully depicts office life as we all wish it to would be.

Ironically, very few of the characters actually want to be there. Of course, having to deal with a boss who claims to be someone's "escape goat" may play a small role in office morale.

Aside from the characterization, *The Office* boasts the best comedic writing on television. Co-produced by Paul Lieberstein and Jennifer Celotta, the show offers a very simple plot; stay in business.

Unfortunately, at Dunder-Mifflin Scranton, where the story takes place, paper-selling takes a back seat to booze cruises on Lake Winepalco, office parties, and daily practical jokes, most of which are played on Dwight Schrute by the office cool guy, Jim Halpert.

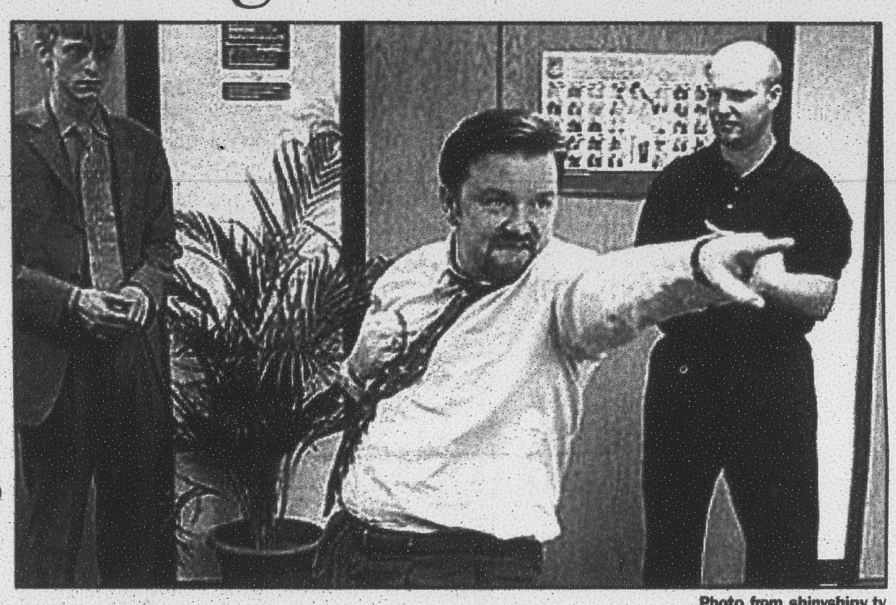
From sending Schrute letters from the future to putting all of Schrute's desktop items in the office vending machine, "Fat" Halpert shows us all how true practical jokes should be played, while never cracking a smile.

Of course, no show is complete without romance. But at Dunder-Mifflin, all romances must be reported to Toby, a divorced human resources rep who is exiled to share the back room with Kelly Kapoor, a brain-meltingly annoying customer service rep who is desperately in love with Ryan Howard, everyone's favorite salesmen. Appropriately enough, Howard has yet to make a sale.

With three seasons complete, *The Office* looks to grab the number one spot tomorrow night when it premieres the first episode of season four entitled, "Fun Run," at 9 o'clock on NBC. Lets hope there is plenty of spandex and heavy breathing.

That's what she said.

The Cast
Steve Carell - Michael Scott
Rainn Wilson - Dwight Schrute
John Krasinski - Jim Halpert
Jenna Fischer - Pam Beesly
B.J. Novak - Ryan Howard
Brian Baumgartner - Kevin Malone
Angela Kinsey - Angela Martin
Phyllis Smith - Phyllis Lapin



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The Hopeless Romantic's Handbook, by Gemma Townley

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

Gemma Townley's *The Hopeless Romantic's Handbook* is definitely the kind of book a girl would like to pick up and read on a rainy afternoon.

It starts out as the main character Kate, who is an interior designer for a low budget home decorating makeover show, simply cannot find love and is about to give up.

However, she finds *The Hopeless Romantic's Handbook* on e-bay, a circa 1950's handbook directed toward housewives about how to get the guy and keep him.

The book suggests such things as changing the way she goes to the grocery store and making sure the lipstick she uses complements her skin tone.

Kate follows the lovely advice and takes the bus instead of the subway to work, thinking she may meet someone new. Unfortunately, it just makes her day even more miserable.

Eventually, Kate is asked to help fix up a cancer hospice that is about to fall apart. She falls in love with doing this kind of work.

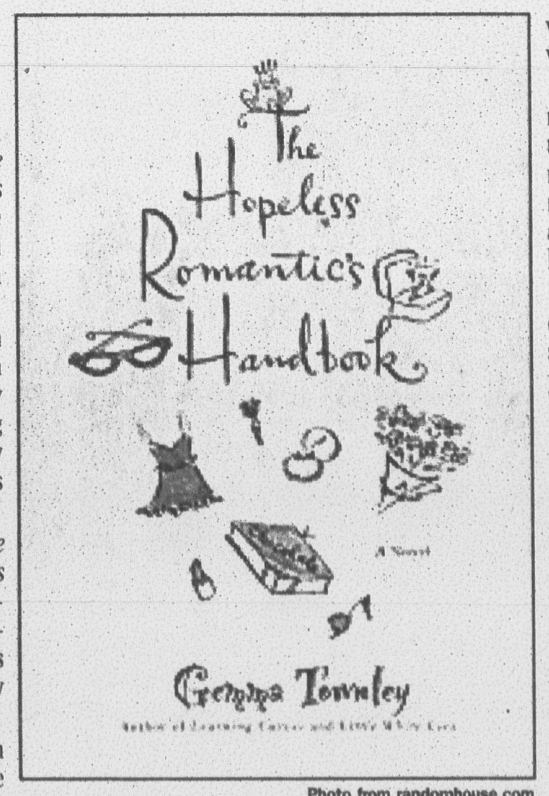
Additionally, after running into what happens to be a knight-in-dull-armor, she realizes that the man of her dreams has always been in front of her - her best friend Tom.

Overall, it's a bit predictable and cliché, but it's still a good read when you're in the mood to read about some cheesy romance.

We can also learn from this book not to give up on love so easily, and that maybe women (though we have come so far since the 1950's) just may need those tips on how to better present themselves to make their outlook on life may become just a little bit rosier.

The best tip from the book was to remember "to look your best everyday because you never know who you may meet."

Danielle's Rating: ★★★☆☆



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Features

What I Learned From Facebook

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

I am a facebook stalker. Yes, I do love the mini-feed and I have from the first day I started using facebook. It makes my hobby of "researching" people a whole lot easier. If you are not my friend yet, please friend me. It does not matter that I do not know you. I will care about your life and maybe I will get to meet you.

I know that a whole group of you are thinking , "Wow, Lurene, please get a life." but I do have a life, I promise.

I am fascinated by people. I do not look at others' profiles to be a creeper. However, I do love figuring out how people live and what matters to them. It allows me to have a deeper insight in their personality.

However, this article has nothing to do with facebook, but what I have learned from it. So, anyone familiar with this networking website, also has known as the majority of any campus community, knows that you can post a variety of information on the page, including quotes. While on a friend's face book page I found this quote by Douglas Adams, "I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer."

Have you ever had one of those epiphany moments? Or as my high school English teacher would say, an "Aha" moment? I did, when I came across this quote.

I am a BSer. If I am not completely sure of what I am talking about, as long as I have some source of creditability I will try to think on my feet and feed you something.

It is like in your political science class when you have a major exam which has essay questions. It never fails that there is one that you do not quite know the answer or what the professor is looking for exactly.

You have some sort of base to build on because you drag yourself to class three hours every week and swear that you read something about it in the 500 plus pages of reading you had to do for the exam. So you just start writing and pray that you hit something right along the way.

I think this is the way a lot of people treat their lives. We are living in society, so we have some sort of idea of what is going on. Therefore, we just go about, doing whatever, hoping we get something right along the way.

Admittedly this is how I live. However, this quote made me wonder what if we did not live this way.

What if when asked something that I was not completely sure of, I answered, "No comment?" Any pr major could tell you this is not how you should represent yourself

When a professor, your boss, a parent, or perhaps your significant other asks you a question, you would not dream of answering, " I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know"

In these types of situations we have the tendency to take one of two routes: A) We come up with the best answer we can a.k.a. bsing or B) We murmur, with downcast eyes, "I dunno."

What if we could state bravely, "I don't know." Is this truly a viable option?

I would not recommend ever doing this on a test, or in class, or in most situations.

Although, I do want to know when and why it became so horrifying to admit that you do not contain a certain knowledge. There are billions of facts out there. No one person know everything. Every person does not know something.

So why do we try to act like we do know everything? Stop it! No one does.

I am not saying not to try to know things, to act dumb, or to be rude. However, be okay with not knowing something. It is when you realize that you do not, that you can learn, ask questions, and become a more knowledgeable person.

Stop with the BS and just admit what you do and do not know - this is what I learned from facebook.

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A Westminster tale...

Dear Holcad,

I'm writing this letter in hopes that someone will read it and believe my experience. I know that this will sound far-fetched, like something from a movie, but please, you must print this message. I have seen darkness. It lies here, at Westminster College, beneath the grounds that you and I walk everyday. Creatures and spectres of unimaginable terror lurk in the underbelly of this college. There are few locations that connect us to this void, but they are so long-forgotten that there is little but stone and mold to separate us. I, alone, have seen this darkness and it is for that reason that I write this letter. I discovered the first entry point deep in the bowels of Old Main. One of the offices on the ground floor leads to a basement. This basement is incredibly large, about the length of Old Main, and it's used primarily for storage. It has to have been there since Old Main was first built.

Anyway, I was doing an errand for my on-campus job; I was told to go to Old Main to help with storage. It was the last thing I had to do before the weekend started. I reached the office and asked what they needed me to do. They told me to grab the last box of whatever and to shelf it wherever there was free space. The moment I reached the bottom step of that basement I felt a chill. The basement was lit by a row of dingy light bulbs. I remember thinking, "Creepy," as my eyes began to focus in the dull lighting. I walked further into the basement and I began to see rows and rows of shelved boxes. As I searched for an empty space, I frequently glanced behind me to see the steps grow smaller as I walked further away. When I finally found an empty space it felt like I had been walking for miles. In truth it had only been about 50 yards. As I put the box on the shelf, I felt a slight breeze. Curious, I looked behind the shelf. The wall seemed weaker here but the breeze seemed stronger. The wall was slightly bowed and had an unusual amount of moss or something growing on it. I reached out to press my hand against the bricks to see if that's where the breeze had come from. As my hand touched the cold, wet stone, the lights clicked off. I immediately pulled my hand back as an overwhelming sense of panic washed over me. I started sprinting in the direction of the stairs, only to trip over the box. I fell for what felt like eternity. I put my arms out to try to catch myself but they were only about halfway when I hit the ground. My forearms slammed into the ground followed by my head. I felt a searing pain spread like lightening all across my skull. I slipped into that void of unconsciousness, wrapped in pain.

I woke up slowly. At first I didn't know whether my eyes were open or not. When I realized what had happened, I felt the pull of panic tug at me. I took a breath and pulled out my cell phone. I flipped up the screen and checked my reception…no bars. I looked at the time. It was 9:37 at night. I felt a wave of resignation set in. There was no way anyone would still be up in the office. Still, I had to try. I picked myself up, holding my aching head and felt my way back to the stairs.

When I got to the top of the steps I started pounding. I looked at the crack between the door and the floor, hoping to see some light filtering through but it was black. I sat down on the stairs, ready to give up. No one would be there for at least two more days thanks to the weekend. I pulled out my cell phone, hoping that there would be enough reception to even send a text message, but there was nothing. I was all alone in the darkness, with no way to escape and no hope of rescue.

Look for the next segment of Jared McConkey's story in the October 10 edition of *The Holcad*

Fruit kabobs for all occasions

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

I am a witness to the sudden changes of the new season that annoy many of us on campus. I have already begun celebrating autumn by purchasing some allergy medication and having my first fall misadventure.

As I was rushing back to campus for my afternoon class, I noticed something brown and baseball-sized lying in the middle of road. Was it a runaway road apple? It looked like it had sharp edges. Was it a leftover remnant from the recent paving? I didn't see it until my car was nearly on it, and my tires were going to flatten it (or rather, I suspected it would flatten my tires). Since my poor tires frequently tend to go flat at the most inconvenient times (such as when I'm trying to get to class), I decided the better option was to slam on my brakes and swerve around it. Besides, I had already hit a chipmunk that morning, and my conscience could not take much more. I checked out the mysterious brown object in my rearview mirror–it was blowing away in the wake of my slightly erratic driving.

It is that time of year yet again when the leaves fall off the trees, dry up, and sit in the middle of the road, resembling dangerous shrapnel.

I know that the story was kind of anti-climactic, but that's how I feel about the beginning of fall after a long season of summer. It's time to calm down and start studying. It's time to prepare your nose for an onslaught of seasonal allergies.

The mornings are cold and the outside air is uninviting. It is that awful time of year when we break out the sweatshirt/sweatpants combo that many people wear until the flowers bloom in spring, while their jeans and T-shirts go into hibernation. The sky has begun to assume its colorless dull hue that seems to hover over the campus all season.

Jumping into a pile of cold wet leaves might not be as fun as it used to, but autumn is also the season for football. I'll admit that I'm not much of a football buff, and I haven't really watched any games this season. But I can appreciate the spirit and excitement that follows the sport. What I mean is, if someone has a pre-match football party, I love to go and eat their celebratory food.

If you like to make the pre-match celebratory food, then I've got a recipe for you. These Kickoff Kabobs are best made the night before your party. This gives them a lot of time to marinate, and thus be far tastier.

Perfect for eating while you watch your favorite team win…or lose.

Kickoff Kabobs

Difficulty Level: Easier than hooking up the tape recorder to the television before the game.

Ingredients:

1 package of frozen, cheese-filled tortellini
1 can pitted ripe olives, drained
1 package pepperoni slices
1 package cubed mozzarella and cheddar cheese
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
1 bottle Italian salad dressing
6-inch-long skewers

Cook the tortellini in the microwave according to the directions on the bag. When the tortellini is soft, drain the water and let it cool. Stick the ingredients onto the skewer in this order for the tastiest outcome: tortellini, olive, 2 slices folded pepperoni, tortellini, olive, cheese, and tomato. Put your kabobs in a baking dish and coat with salad dressing, turning the skewers to achieve all-over Italian dressing goodness. Cover the dish with plastic wrap or a lid, and allow the kabobs to marinate for a few hours (overnight is best!). Serve to starving football fans.

Cost: About $12.50 for three dozen

This recipe makes about 36 kabobs, or enough to feed a tailgating party.

Helpful Tip: If your room is alwats lit up like a disco dance party, then you may have to nuke your midnight munchies a little longer. The more computers, televisions, and stereo systems that you have flashing in your dorm, the less power your microwave may be receiving.

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Students without borders: Roman cityscapes

Junior Andrew Kubincanek shares his experiences in the Eternal City

Contributed Photo

By Andrew Kubincanek
Features Writer

I seem to remember an ancient proverb. To keep the masses docile, provide them with bread and circus. The Eternal City today, does more or less that.

Though the circus maximus is nothing more than a field (though an exceptionally well and beautifully lit one on Notte Bianca) and the bread comes sold from vendor trailers stuffed with mozzarella and sauce or hot dogs; the premise remains the same.

The primary difference between Trastevere and Rome (separated only by the Tiber River) are the tourists. In Trastevere and to the South you'll find quaint authentic fare; shops with handmade trinkets, pastry shops where little old ladies make you heavenly cannoli and quite possibly, the best pizza in the world. In downtown Rome, however, there are tourist traps, shoddy souvenir stands with Julius Ceaser paperweights, men in Roman gladiator costumes posing for pictures and tackily painted carts serving beer, coke, hot dogs and an assortment of moderately flavorless sandwiches. Granted, the pizza isn't terrible but when you can get something hotter and tastier for 2 Euros less 5 minutes away it's only viable if you're starving.

I made the mistake of the seeing the Pantheon before the Coliseum and the Roman forums. Your first impression is, of course, awe at the grandiosity of this structure before you. That, unfortunately, recedes into an overwhelming disappointment at just how horrendously beaten and raped the coliseum and most of the forum is. I guess that is why they call them ruins. The problem is that when you see the Pantheon – which is almost 100% preserved – and then compare to the coliseum, you can't help but to mutter with a smirk that the Three Rivers Stadium was nicer.

There are quite a few standouts in the ancient city, however. The Pantheon is almost completely preserved and standing inside of a 2000 year old, self-supporting and wholly intact structure, gazing up to where Roman Emperors paid tribute to the gods is something I won't soon forget. Equally impressive is Piazza Venezia, the direct center of Rome. The white, medieval castle provides a phenomenal view in every direct; blocked only by the myriad statues that adorn it. Similarly, the Spanish Steps afford a breathtaking view of San Pietro's golden dome rising above an otherwise short city. I also can't fail to mention the majesty of god ocean, presiding over the Trevi Fountain (carved into the side of a ministry building) and its infamous myth – Throw in 1 coin, you'll return to Rome, 2 you'll marry an Italian and throw in 3 and you'll get a divorce.

Ironically, one of the most accommodating places I've found in downtown Rome has been Scholar's Lounge. I never thought I'd simultaneously watch Hines Ward score a TD for the Steelers and Kaka score a goal for AC Milan in a crowded Irish pub. Even more ironically, some of the nicest people I've met in downtown Rome were in this pub – including several people from Pittsburgh and one Australian coal miner who insisted on regaling me with his tales from the red light district in Amsterdam. A native Roman himself confirmed to me that finding ex-pats nicer than the locals is a common occurrence. He put it far more succinctly but Lu wouldn't let me publish it verbatim.

Still, eternal is an appropriate enough word to describe Rome. The ancient ghosts are crowded out by elderly British men in fake Italia hats, Chinese backpackers and clustered tour groups but the sites are worth seeing and there are still a few nooks and crannies with flavor. Campo de'fiori is one of the most dichotomous areas of the Eternal City and actually quite indicative of my overall point. During the day, the field of flowers holds a produce and food market, attended by local farmers. But at night the market clears out to open up for such infamous pubs as The Drunken Ship and Sloppy Sams to cater to rowdy tourists and students. It's a city that tries desperately to lose its soul, only to find that the majesty of the past won't let it completely.

All in all I'd have say that it's a nicer place to visit than live and leave it at that. The Scot at the table next to me summed it up pretty well in Scholar's. The waitress had just brought my order of lamb stew when he clucked approvingly. "Ah, now that's bloody fantastic. Only problem is, it'll make you want another one. I wish I liked Rome quite that much."

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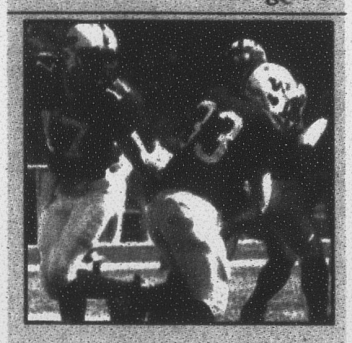

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Starbucks opens in Hermitage

Coffee chain provides other option besides Mugsies, but adds a half-hour drive

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

On Friday, September 28, the town of Hermitage added a new chain to its businesses: Starbucks.

The new addition to the retail chain opened at 6 a.m. Friday morning in Hermitage Square to a bustling group of excited patrons.

"I am very excited about the opening," senior Hannah Colabrese said. "On average, I drive to Boardman to get to a Starbucks at least once a week, but this is much closer. This won't just help me satisfy my Starbucks craving, but it will be good for Hermitage, too."

Some students and New Wilmington residents worry that the new Starbucks will have a negative impact on Mugsies, the local coffee house. Senior Samantha Leipheimer, Mugsies employee, disagrees.

"I don't think it will affect the business very much," Leipheimer said. "Starbucks is still pretty far away, and Mugsies is so convenient because students can walk there."

Colabrese, however, is prepared and enthusiastic to make the drive. "Since gas prices have risen, it has been too expensive to go to Boardman," Colabrese said. "So, as of late, I have been frequenting Mugsies, but now that there is a Starbucks located much closer, I am more than willing to drive there."

The owners of Mugsies are not too worried about the new competition. Bob Egan cites that, while there will constantly be people who like Starbucks, many others appreciate the hometown feel of a locally-owned business.

"There's always going to be a certain draw to Starbucks, but we're a "mom and pop" place, literally," Egan said.

Egan is also quick to mention that Mugsies offers students things that Starbucks simply can't. The local coffee house plays Titan Radio, has Open Mic Night on the weekends, and has more of a coffee house atmosphere than the restaurant feel of Starbucks.

"We're more flexible and vibrant," Egan said. "We're not stale."

Even Starbucks' corporation founder and Chairman Howard Schultz agrees. In a memo written by Schultz and posted on the Web, Schultz explains how the public can become desensitized to a huge corporate conglomerate.

"Some people even call our stores sterile, cookie cutter, no longer reflecting the passion our partners feel about our coffee," Schultz said.

The new Starbucks is located at 3342 East State Street in Hermitage. It will take students about half an hour to drive there to get their caffeine fix.

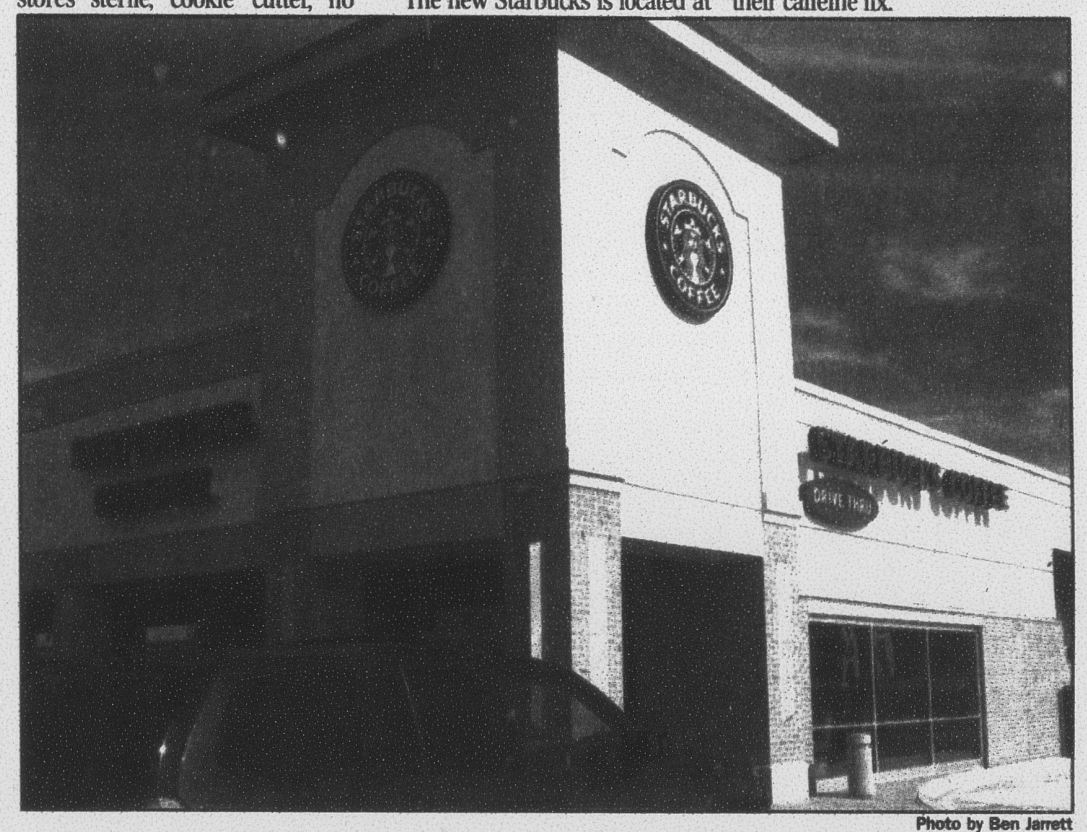

Photo by Ben Jarrett

The new Starbucks on 3342 E. State St. in Hermitage opened at 6 a.m. on Fri., Sept. 28.

Mistry presents "Impacts of Global Climate Change"

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Oct 3, students, faculty and the community are invited to attend the Henderson Lecture, addressing the impacts of global climate change. The event will be held in the Witherspoon Room, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Henderson Lecture was founded by Dr. Joseph R. Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth. Henderson is a former college education professor. He served as chair of the education department and is the Graduate Program director. The Henderson Lecture's purpose is to recognize and encourage the original and continuing research college faculty has done. It is a great opportunity for faculty to share research and experiences with the academic community.

Each year, a special committee chooses a speaker from provided nominees to receive the lectureship. This year's chosen nominee is Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant biology professor. Mistry earned his undergraduate and master's degree in zoology and animal behavior, and he earned his Ph.D. in ecology. Mistry is a scientific advisory board member of Bat Conservation International and a member of the IUCN Chiroptera Specialist Group. He has also been with the college since 2003.

At the lecture, Mistry will present his speech, "Impacts of Global Climate Change–More than Just a Mere Inconvenience." It highlights the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, agriculture, human heath issues, socio-economics and species distributions.

Mistry's research focuses on predicting the distributional shifts of the vampire bat, using climate change. His research suggests that as a result of the distributional shifts, significant range expansions are likely to occur, thus raising questions on whether there will be an impact on human health, livestock industry and bat conservation efforts. Some of these effects already exist, but major impacts will not be noticed for several decades.

"Climate change is likely to be one of the most important issues of our time," Mistry said. "The ecological and economic ramifications are enormous and extensive. The manner in which society approaches and tackles such problems will inform us about the ability of our species to deal with large temporal scale problems in the future."

Mistry has done various studies of bat biology since 1986, focusing on conservation and biology-related issues. He feels that his work is important because the study of bat calls has helped people understand how echolocation works, becoming sonar's foundation.

"Bats represent a quarter of all mammal species and provide numerous ecological services such as pest control, pollination and dispersal of plants and even medicines," Mistry said. "The vampire bat, for example, has an anticoagulant in its blood that is now being used as the basis of a very successful drug to treat stroke patients."

One of Mistry's colleagues, Ann Throckmorton, will attend the lecture. Throckmorton feels that global warming is one of the biggest environmental challenges today's society faces, because it will affect all ecosystems. It will also affect all plants, animals, fungi and microorganisms. As a result, Throckmorton feels that the human population will suffer economically, politically and physically.

"The Earth is getting warmer and the trend shows no sign of abating," Throckmorton said. "The vast majority of scientists and policy makers agree that human actions have contributed to the increased temperatures."

According to Throckmorton, lectures like Mistry's are important because if people are informed about the problem and what actions are necessary, then they can help slow the rate at which the earth is warming.

"Climate change is likely to become one of the most important issues of our time."

Not a laughing matter

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The art gallery weaving exhibit was a victim of vandalism when hundreds of hand-dyed threads were cut. The act is thought to have taken place over Homecoming weekend sometime between Saturday and Monday morning.

The vandalism was discovered at 10 a.m. on Monday morning by artist Sigrid Piroch, who came to pick up her much valued art, only to find it destroyed. Security was called immediately to make a report, but no leads have been made at this time.

During an interview with Piroch last month, she described weaving as a vital element to her life.

"I cannot imagine being anything other than a shuttle weaver producing hand woven art," Piroch said. "I love everything about the process of creating opulent cloth. It is the challenge of fabricating illusion in fiber, whether simple or complex in construction."

Piroch was greatly disturbed and upset to find such an important aspect of her life ruined. It is hard to understand how people can be so reckless and hateful.

According to art professor Peggy Cox, the vandal had to be someone who watched and understood the weaving process. The weave was lifted and then cut in several places, making it impossible to salvage the hundreds of hand dyed threads. It took Piroch 25 hours to complete the entire piece. This malicious act is not only a loss of materials, but also a loss of time and much effort. The total damage estimates to about $1200, but Piroch's time and effort are irreplaceable.

"This incident reflects very poorly on the college," Cox said. "It is extremely embarrassing. Things have happened as pranks before, but this definitely is not funny. It is destructive and very expensive."

The vandalism is being investigated by campus officials. If anyone has any leads or knowledge of the occurrence, they should contact campus security immediately.

Vandalism in Art Gallery

Damages over $1,200

Someone cut the threads to the loom in THREE places, once shown here and two more times from the interior of the loom.

Vandalism of any nature damages the reputation of Westminster College.

Please contact Security with any information about this incident at 7777.

New addition to SGA Day

By Jared McKonkey
Campus Writer

In the waning days of summer, when fall is just starting to settle into the college, there is one day that students can look forward to. It is a day where golf carts buzz around campus, carrying students to and from class, and where stacks of Pizza Joe's boxes seem to reach the sky. That day, of course, is SGA Day.

This year, SGA Day will stretch from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, on the back patio of the TUB.

Doughnuts and hot apple cider will be provided in the morning for any students interested. In the afternoon, there will be pizza from Pizza Joe's, caramel apples, cookies and other refreshments. All of this is, as usual, free of cost for being a student.

There will also be golf carts going around campus all day to pick students up from their dorms and take them to their classes.

"I really like SGA Day," junior Sara Lucente said. "I used to live in Hillside, and the golf carts were a much appreciated relief from walking up and down the hill."

"This event is a great way for SGA to give back to the campus community," said senior Jeremy Lawler, public relations chair for SGA.

A new addition to SGA Day this year is SIFE's Cash Cart event. Cash Cart is based on the Discovery Channel's Cash Cab game show. For those of you who haven't seen this show, it is a game show that takes place entirely inside of a taxi cab. Participants enter the cab, give the location of where they want to go and have that distance to answer questions for cash. If the participants get too many questions wrong, they are kicked out of the cab.

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Opinion

The perils of drinking, again

Jenn Corkadel
Editor-in-chief

I had thought that posters with my smiling face on them hanging prominently throughout residence halls would be sufficient to ward off foolishness with alcohol this year (at least in my presence) – but that's apparently not the case.

I've heard a few amused comments with regards to the column I wrote last year on the perils of drinking for both underage and legal consumption, and I have to say I am surprised. Those folks must have avoided the headline, even.

There's not a lot to do here in isolated New Wilmington after 4 p.m. other than attending Greek events, the occasional movie you wanted to see when it was in the theater a few weeks ago, or making The Holcad (OK, so the rest of you get to read it at leisure), and a lot of students seem to make the most of that free time not with studies, but in the company and consumption of beverages. I personally don't have much time for such indulgences, but when I do – I'll imbibe properly, thank you. Off-campus, just to clear that up for anyone who might be concerned.

Speaking of concern with the location of consumption - the frustration Residence Life staff must feel at this widespread decision is staggering. Nobody wants to be a killjoy, but rules are rules and drinking in your dormitory is against the rules. I advise that if it must be done, it must be done with greater tact than is currently being engaged. If you are going to drink, thou shalt not do so to the extent that thou art ILL - messily, up stairs and down the hall - honestly, now.

Why would I write such a blathering mess about responsible consumption? Because, for the most part, I am a responsible person and I'd rather see a blathering mess on a page than on the floor. I'd like to believe that previous responsible decisions should not be undermined by a few lesser transgressions, and would really prefer that for others as well as myself. Especially if those poor decisions were unintentional – the ones that are knowingly done are far worse.

Perhaps it's beyond students on this campus. Perhaps clear, rational, adult decision-making skills are not cool at the moment. It wouldn't surprise me; I'm rarely "of-the-moment." That's OK; I'd rather not look like a fool in photos ten years from now. For those who do care – you're funny to watch when you make poor decisions. Just clean up after yourselves.

Your mom doesn't live here.

Jenn is a senior English major and writing minor who enjoys interjecting "your mom" into any conversation and is displeased to inform the plague has hit her... yet again.

The weekly glop-Academics

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

The tradition of Liberal Arts goes back some 1,600 years. It was founded upon the idea that a student should receive a well-rounded education to develop intellectual capacities in a wide range of disciplines.

When an institution boasts a liberal arts education, a student can expect things such as smaller classes and a small student to faculty ratio. Students can also expect an interactive learning environment and the benefits of full-time faculty members as opposed to graduate students teaching their classes.

These are all things that students who came to attend Westminster expected, and it is what they have received. The faculty, in my experience, has never ceased to live up to and go beyond this expectation.

What of the administration of the college, however? Have they lived up to making sure students receive an education true to what the liberal arts education was founded upon?

In my experience, from talking to different members of the administration, Westminster strives to give us a well-rounded education through the introduction of IP requirements and the different programs that it offers to students. I believe that IP classes do provide opportunities for students to gain deeper understanding of different subject areas.

However, in my experience, and the experiences of other students that I know, the administration's help in making sure students receive a well-rounded education does not go deeper than providing the IPs. When a student is so intrigued by an area of study he learned about through the IP program that he or she decides to further his or her study through a second major or minor, the school seems to lose interest in helping them succeed.

I have actually had the distinct honor of finding this out first-hand: I had to take a class in my past semester that was required in order to complete my second major but was informed that it needed eight students enrolled to be put on the schedule, and only had six.

I needed this class to graduate, however, and it is nowhere near unprecedented for classes to be allowed placement on the schedule with less than 8 students when it is needed for one of the students to graduate. I assumed being two students below the minimum would not be a problem since it was a requirement for me, and as it stands, another person to complete the major.

When this topic was brought up, I was surprised to hear the response to my request. I was informed that the class would not be allowed to remain on the schedule because although it was required for my major, it was "only my second major", so it was not as important.

I knew immediately the support for my intellectual endeavors from the administration had been lost. Once I had finished my IPs, the school lost interest in making sure that I completed my second course of study, that I only began because of my study of the IP's.

This begs the question - does the administration have the IP requirement because it wishes for students to become intellectually stimulated and pursue many areas of study? This could be the case.

It seems to me however that the school does not concern itself with life after the IPs outside an individuals major. Currently, the administration wants to make sure we meet our requirements, and not much else.

Anthony Colwell is a mathematics and philosophy double major. He is also constantly in search for the secret of the ooze.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No current representation in presidential search

In last week's edition, Allyson Koerner wrote an article about the search for the new president. It states "The presidential search committee is made of 14 members, who include the board, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and community members". This statement is incorrect. There are NO current students on this search committee. The student who is on the board is not longer a student, he is an Alumni. Matt Kerns, the former SGA president was the only current student on the search committee last year. He has graduated. This leaves the presidential search committee with NO current student.

I feel that this is a completely unfair to the current students. We do not have someone representing the values and ideas of a student who is attending the college currently. I understand that SGA is looking further into this issue, but the student body needs to understand that this is a problem that will affect their future.

Brittany Rosko
Class of 2008

Acadmics and Students displaced by Celebrity Series

On Thursday, September 27th, as I was checking my e-mail, I received word that my class had to be moved from one classroom to another in Patterson Hall due to the Wayne Newton performance.

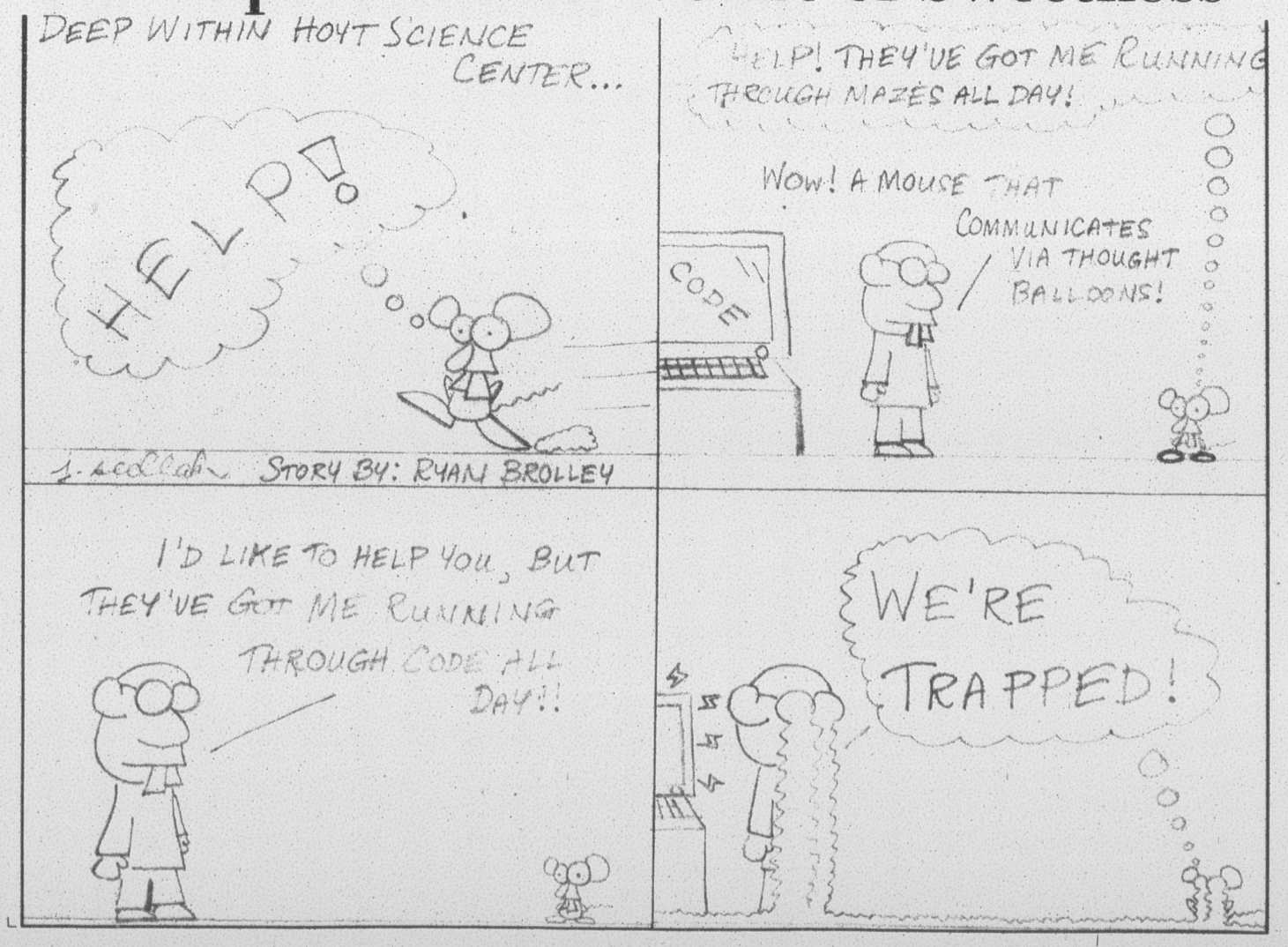
While it is not a huge inconvenience to move from one classroom to another, it is more the principle of the matter. How is it that the Celebrity Series can overtake an academic building for non-academic purposes?

How is it that the Celebrity Series is allowed to disrupt lectures and other academic class activities when they have their performances? How is it that the Celebrity Series is allowed to park their customers in the students, (who pay over $30,000, plus a parking pass fee a year to attend and park at this college), parking spaces?

Maybe I am a little off base here, but I do not feel that someone who comes here for one night of the year should be given more rights, privileges, and special treatment than those of us who attend this institution everyday. If this truly is an academic institution, maybe academics should be given more weight than frilly, fluffy extras that have seemingly no academic value.

Drew Himes
Class of 2009

The Superfantastic Comic of Sweetness



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Air Force testing protein powder for pilots, commandos

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Air Force Col. Breck Lebegue was browsing the commissary shelves at a U.S. air base in Kyrgyzstan three years ago when he spotted a product he thought could have combat potential: muscle-building protein powder.

The powder, packaged in large bottles and designed to be mixed into drinks, was already popular among military recruits deployed to the Central Asian nation, a staging area for the conflict in nearby Afghanistan.

But the Air Force had no guidelines for its use, according to Lebegue, now chief of aerospace medicine at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. Such supplements, he believed, might prove as fortifying for battle-weary pilots and commandos as they were thought to be for athletes.

"So I proposed a research project that would be very small and narrow to identify a particular substance" that might strengthen and invigorate troops hiking at high elevations while weighed down by heavy packs, or pilots flying long missions, he said.

Lebegue settled on whey protein, a product derived from cow's milk during the cheese-making process and made by Pittsburgh-based GNC Corp., which has 105 stores at U.S. military bases.

He began the study at Brooks City-Base in San Antonio, Texas, asking volunteers to stay awake overnight and perform physical tests – running, push-ups, crunches, bench presses – similar to those required of special forces personnel.

GNC provided the powder, which includes the amino acid leucine, and helped design the study, but had no role in the research.

The initial study faltered because of a lack of volunteers, and Lebegue eventually transferred from the base. But a fresh study was launched recently, according to Maj. Thomas Walker, who is currently leading the project.

Volunteers are given physical examinations before undergoing physical and cognitive tests, Walker said. Researchers study body composition and draw blood to determine how the supplement helps build muscle, he said.

Besides the value of supplemental protein in muscle growth, researchers think amino acids such as leucine may decrease the amount of the chemical seratonin in a person's central nervous system, theoretically reducing fatigue, Walker said.

The participants are given the protein powder or a placebo over a period of eight weeks. About four volunteers are tested weekly, and their diet and exercise patterns are monitored after they begin taking the protein powder. They are checked after four weeks and given a second battery of tests after eight weeks, Walker said.

Researchers expect to study between 70 and 80 people between the ages of 19 and 44 by the end of the year and issue a report early next year, he said. Depending on the results, Walker said he hopes to publish the findings in a peer-reviewed journal. The volunteers so far have come from the ranks of the military, though civilians are permitted to join the study.

"We're pretty confident we'll see a difference in the protein group and the placebo group," he said. "We're also hoping to see a cognitive difference as well."

The study comes as the military increasingly emphasizes so-called human performance optimization through better physical training regimens, acclimatization techniques and nutritional and pharmacological supplements, according to Walker.

Pa. man breaks Guinness record for stone-skipping

FRANKLIN, Pa. (AP) - Russell "Rock Bottom" Byars was just a stone's throw from a world record.

Byars, 43, of Franklin, threw a stone that skipped on water a whopping 51 times. That was enough for Guinness World Records to certify him this month as the greatest skipper of stones on water.

Byars' record-breaking feat came July 19 where the Allegheny River meets French Creek in Franklin, about 70 miles north of Pittsburgh. He estimated his stone traveled about 250 feet.

"I actually threw 40 stones that day, but that was the first skip that I threw," said Byars.

Before declaring him a record-holder, Guinness experts analyzed film of Byars' toss frame by frame, checking the concentric circles in the water by each skip.

Byars' feat eclipsed the 40 skips made in 2002 by Kurt Steiner, 42, of Emporium, Cameron County.

"It was only a matter of time," Steiner said.

The two men enjoy a playful rivalry and have competed at stone-skipping contests.

Pa. judge accused of bilking insurers intends to go to trial

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - Suspended state Superior Court Judge Michael T. Joyce intends to stand trial on federal money laundering and mail fraud charges, according to his lawyer.

Attorney David Ridge refused to comment on the defense strategy, but said Joyce would "absolutely" go to trial.

Prosecutors accuse Joyce, 58, of bilking two insurance companies out of $440,000 in an automobile accident claim. Joyce has pleaded not guilty.

Ridge had a Saturday deadline to file pretrial motions, but prosecutors agreed to extend it until Nov. 28.

In court documents, Ridge said he needs the additional time to review the prosecution's evidence, including records and medical reports.

The case stems from an August 2001 traffic accident just outside Erie, where Joyce's 2001 Mercedes-Benz was rear-ended by a sport-utility vehicle traveling about 5 mph, prosecutors said.

Joyce told insurers the accident left him in such pain that he was unable to exercise or play golf for more than a year, prosecutors said. The indictment alleges Joyce was actually playing 18-hole rounds on courses as far away as Jamaica, going scuba diving and inline skating, and working out at a local gym.

Joyce received $390,000 from his insurer, the Erie Insurance Group, and $50,000 from State Farm Insurance, which insured the other driver, according to the indictment.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Vandals Destroy Art Exhibit

Someone armed with scissors or a knife or other sharp object sliced threw some delicate threads at Westminster's Art Gallery during the homecoming weekend and destroyed part of an art exhibit.

The vandal or vandals cut hundreds of hand-dyed threads on a weaving exhibit.

According to art professor Peggy Cox, the threads were cut by someone sometime between Saturday morning and Monday morning.

Cox tells Titan Radio News the damage to the artist's exhibit is probably valued at $1200, but the expertise and time invested by the artist can't be replaced.

"It would take someone about 25 hours to thread the needles on the loom by hand," Cox said. "And all the threads are hand-dyed. I don't understand why someone would do this. It's malicious."

The exhibit belongs to weaving artist Sigrid Piroch, owner of a weaving cooperative from Pittsburgh. Her exhibit in the art gallery next to Orr Auditorium.

In an interview last month when the exhibit was launched, Piroch described weaving as a vital element to her life, so this attack on her work was taken to heart.

"I cannot imagine being anything other than a shuttle weaver producing hand woven art," Piroch said. "I love everything about the process of creating opulent cloth. It is the challenge of fabricating illusion in fiber, whether simple or complex in construction."

Campus officials are now investigating the vandalism and the Communications, Theater and Art Department is asking anyone with information to contact campus security. Vandalism and theft have been recurring problems at the gallery in previous years. The campus has considered installing surveillance cameras in the gallery as an added security measure.

Teen firefighter dies 3 days after Pa. garage fire

UPLAND, Pa. (AP) - A 19-year-old volunteer firefighter died Saturday from injuries suffered fighting a garage fire earlier in the week.

Michael Reagan Jr. died around 2:45 p.m. at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, according to the Delaware County Medical Examiner's office and hospital officials.

Reagan was one of several firefighters battling a garage fire in Sharon Hill on Wednesday night when a ceiling suddenly gave way, pushing the front wall onto firefighters outside, officials said.

Reagan had been listed in critical condition at the hospital since the accident. The cause of death was not immediately determined.

INTERNATIONAL

Former chess champion Kasparov enters Russian presidential race

MOSCOW (AP) - The former world chess champion Garry Kasparov entered Russia's presidential race on Sunday, elected overwhelmingly as the candidate for the country's beleagured opposition coalition.

Kasparov has been a driving force behind the coalition, which has united liberals, leftists and nationalists in opposition to President Vladimir Putin. He received 379 of 498 votes at a national congress held in Moscow by the Other Russia coalition, coalition spokeswoman Lyudmila Mamina told The Associated Press.

Kasparov's place on the March ballot was not assured. His candidacy still needs to be registered and is likely to be blocked.

Even if he were allowed to run, Kasparov would not be expected to pose a major challenge to whichever candidate wins Putin's backing.

Kasparov was followed in Sunday's voting by Sergei Gulyayev, a former member of St. Petersburg's Legislative Assembly, who received 59 votes, and former Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov with 18, Mamina said. The coalition was choosing among six candidates who had won regional primaries in recent months.

The Other Russia also chose Kasparov to be one of three candidates to head the coalition's list in parliamentary elections in December. The others are former Central Bank chairman Viktor Gerashchenko and Eduard Limonov, a provocative writer who heads the banned National Bolshevik Party.

The coalition, however, has virtually no chance of participating in the election for the State Duma, the lower house of parliament. Only registered political parties can take part and none of the political movements that make up the Other Russia qualify.

Hope wanes among Myanmar protesters, even after U.N. sends envoy to negotiate with government

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) - Thousands of soldiers and police were deployed in Myanmar's largest cities Sunday, keeping even the most die-hard protesters off the streets, and more arrests were reported, further demoralizing dissidents desperate for democracy.

The top U.N. envoy on Myanmar, Ibrahim Gambari, was trying to persuade Myanmar's military rulers to end a deadly crackdown on demonstrators that has sparked international outcry.

But many protesters said they were seeing a repeat of the global reaction to a 1988 pro-democracy uprising, when the world stood by as protesters were gunned down in the streets.

"I don't think it will make much of a difference," said one hotel worker, who like other residents asked not to be named, fearing retaliation. "We have to find a solution ourselves."

A senior Japanese official headed for Myanmar on Sunday to press the military government to move toward democracy and to protest the killing of Japanese journalist Kenji Nagai during the crackdown on protesters. Deputy Foreign Minister Mitoji Yabunaka was to arrive in Yangon by Sunday evening, according to a ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with policy.

Soldiers and police have been posted on almost all corners in the cities of Yangon and Mandalay. Shopping malls, grocery stores and public parks were closed and few people dared to venture out of their homes.

A young woman who took part in a massive demonstration in Yangon Thursday said she didn't think "we have any more hope to win." She was separated from her boyfriend when police broke up the protest by firing into crowds and has not seen him since.

"The monks are the ones who give us courage," she said. Most of the clerics, whose participation helped the protests grow dramatically, are now besieged in their monasteries behind locked gates and barbed wire.

The number of troops in Yangon, the largest city, swelled to around 20,000 after reinforcements arrived overnight Sunday, ensuring that almost all demonstrators would remain off the streets, an Asian diplomat said.

"The security forces are demonstrating their strength," said the diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing protocol. "I think the chance of protesters coming to the road and mobilizing enough people to topple the junta is zero."

People suspected of leading or organizing rallies continue to be arrested, he said, estimating that the total number could be as high as 1,000. With the main prison now overcrowded, people are now being detained in university buildings and educational institutes, he said.

Gambari was taken on arrival Saturday to Naypyitaw, the remote, bunker-like capital where the country's military leaders are based. The White House urged the junta to allow him to have access to Aung San Suu Kyi – the Nobel Peace Prize laureate who is under house arrest – and ordinary Myanmar residents.

The demonstrations began last month as people angry over massive fuel price hikes took to the streets – then mushroomed into the tens of thousands after the monks began marching.

The junta, which has a long history of snuffing out dissent, started cracking down Wednesday, when the first of at least 10 deaths was reported, and then let loose on Thursday, shooting into a crowd of protesters and clubbing them with batons.

The crackdown triggered an unprecedented verbal flaying of Myanmar's generals from almost every corner of the world – even some criticism from No. 1 ally China.

Rebels storm peacekeeping base in Darfur, killing 12 soldiers in largest attack on mission

DURAIJ, Sudan (AP) - A large force of rebels stormed an African Union peacekeeping base in Darfur, killing at least a dozen soldiers and wounding several others in the biggest attack on the mission so far, the AU said Sunday.

More than 50 AU peacekeepers and support personnel are missing in action since the attack on the base in northern Darfur just after sunset on Saturday.

"This is the heaviest loss of life and the biggest attack on the African Union mission," said AU spokesman Noureddine Mezni, who could not confirm the casualty figures because the fighting was ongoing.

Officers in the AU force said 1,000 rebels from the Sudan Liberation Army stormed the AU base in the town of Haskanita just after the sunset fastbreaking meal during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"There is a war going on between the rebels and the government, and the AU is crunched in the middle," said a senior AU officer who asked not to be named because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Darfur rebels have grown increasingly hostile to the AU peacekeepers saying the force is not neutral and favors the government side. There have been several ambushes of AU forces in the past year blamed on the rebels.

The rebels did not comment on the latest attack on the AU base, nor did the Sudanese military.

Rebel commanders, did, however, tell The Associated Press a few days earlier that they were involved in heavy battles against government-allied forces in the Haskanita area for the past two weeks.

"The government has massed five or six janjaweed units who are converging on us," said Abdelaziz Ushar, a commander in the rebel Justice and Equality Movement, which fights alongside the SLA, referring to the camel-riding, pro-government militias that have led the attacks on rebels.

AU officers said they saw several Sudanese helicopter gunships and MiG-19 fighter jets taking off for Haskanita on Sunday from their base in southern Darfur.

The government offensive and rebel counter-offensive in the area, which breach several recent cease-fire commitments, is part of a surge of fighting between the warring factions ahead of new peace negotiations set for Oct. 27 in Libya.

More than 200,000 people have died in Darfur since ethnic African rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated central government, accusing it of discrimination.

The government is accused of retaliating by unleashing janjaweed militias, which are blamed for the worst atrocities against civilians in a conflict that has displaced more than 2.5 million people.

Saturday's attack represents the first time since the 7,000-strong AU mission was deployed in June 2004 that one of their bases has been overrun.

The underfunded force has been unable to stem the fighting in the war torn western region and will soon be merged into a much more powerful hybrid U.N. force.

The first units of the 26,000-strong force will be deployed in October and it is expected to assume responsibility for the area on December 31.

Campus News

Rock 'n' roll with "Music and Meatballs"

Choir prepares to host seventh annual show focusing on rock music from the 1950's

By Shannon Bobbert
Campus Writer

On Friday, October 5, prepare for an evening of Rock n' Roll with the Westminster College Concert Choir.

The choir is preparing for their seventh annual showing of "Music and Meatballs" which will take place at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. They will be serving a meal of spaghetti and meatballs, as the title of the show suggests, and singing throughout the entire dinner. The theme of this year's show revolves around the rock music of the 1950's.

"We're going to Memphis, where Elvis is," director of choral activities, Dr. Robin Lind, said.

This year the choir is taking a trip through the Rock n' Roll king's hometown, where his famous Graceland mansion lies. Since the proceeds from the "Music and Meatballs" show all go toward the choir's tour, Dr. Lind decided it would be an entertaining idea to make the theme of the show revolve around one of the destinations of their trip.

All of the music is going to be from Elvis' era, with some surprises from the musical "Grease." According to Dr. Lind, those who attend "Music and Meatballs" will have the opportunity to listen to a male quartet, a female trio, and a big finish with the entire choir, among other performances. But most of the show is still a secret, even to those who work behind the scenes.

"Come to be surprised," executive secretary of student affairs, Beth Brooks, said, "it's under wraps."

Every year Brooks mans the automatic dishwasher during the event. She observes, what she calls, a performance of high energy, which the students sustain through all three showings of "Music and Meatballs." And it's not only the music that she deems noteworthy this year.

"We got Tony Gomez's grandmother's sauce recipe–it is made from scratch, it is definitely not out of a bottle or a can," Brooks said.

Craig Dressler, president and accompanist of the concert choir is busy making sure all of the fine details are taken care of, and admits that there is much spaghetti to be cooked for the show.

"There will be good food, good songs, good fun, and good company," choir member Andy Polack said.

Another element the performers will add to the show will be a variety of costumes. According to Dr. Lind, some of the concert choir will look as though they've just appeared from a 1950's sock hop. She says that the choir always has a lot of fun with everything from the food, to the music, to the costumes.

Forty-two students in the choir will be performing Friday evening. All proceeds from the fundraiser will support the concert choir's winter tour, where they will be singing and sightseeing throughout West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio.

"Music and Meatballs" will have three showings Friday evening: 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. The event will be held right across from Westminster in the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, at 229 S. Market St. "Music and Meatballs" will be open to the public.

Tickets cost $5.00 for children, students and seniors and $10.00 for adults. Reservations can be made at (724) 946-7270 and tickets will be available at the door. Walk-ins are welcome, and take-outs will be available.

The menu for that night is a spaghetti dinner that will be served along with bread, salad, and dessert.

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Students enjoy the 6th annual "Music and Meatballs".

Annual auction, flea market to benefit volunteer firemen

By Brian Carbone
Campus Writer

The 53rd annual New Wilmington Fire Department Fireman's Auction will give students, faculty, and members of the community a chance to find various quality items while helping to raise money for the department.

The Fireman's Auction will hold two different elements throughout the day; a flea market and an auction. Both components have a number of items ranging from dishes and knickknacks, to tools and furniture, and just about everything in between.

"I am meeting a couple members of our alumni board there in hopes to find a few new tables for the fraternity as well as a couple other things that we could use for the house," said Travis Bieda, Sigma Phi Epsilon President.

About $54,000 was raised at last year's auction, which went on to help pay for a number of things including equipment, training, operating costs, as well as a new pumper truck for the department. This year fireman Paul Mickle is the Auction Chair and coordinator of the event. He hopes to raise no less than $60,000 with the addition of intensive door to door requests for donations from the community. The early start helped the raised funds to reach about $4,000 already.

Every year members of the community donate items to fill a garage for the flea market portion of the day. The flea market will take place in the main garage of the fire station, located at the corner of Main Street and High Street. The auction component will take place in the front of the station right along Main Street.

A number of people help in the entire process of everything from planning the auction to putting it on. Members of the fire department as well as their families donate a lot of their free time to make the event possible. Members from the college's Greek organizations help in the auction also. Theta Chi is a supporter and helper for the event as well as Alpha Sigma Phi.

"The auction wouldn't be possible without community support as well as local businesses," Mickle said. "The college also plays a role in the event from making its annual donation to the station, as well as the help we get from the two fraternities involved."

There will also be a bake sale featured at the auction with homemade doughnuts, cookies, etcetera, as well as other treats such as ice cream. All of these foods will be homemade and donated by members of the local Amish community.

The Fireman's Auction will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6. The day's events will begin at 9:00 AM with the start of the flea market, which will last until about 3:00 PM. The day will then continue on with the start of the auction at 5:15 PM and last until about 12:00 AM. There are 18 to 20 auctioneers who will be there volunteering their time for the event.

Photo by Nicky Piszczor

A banner for the annual fireman's auction is displayed in town.

Many students are waiting for the auction to pick up some good buys for their rooms or means of transportation to class. Senior, Tom Campana will try his best to get there while also participating in Zeta Tau Alpha's Shoot for the Cause.

"I'm hoping I'll be able to go there at a decent hour and still be able to find a bicycle for me so I can ride it to class," Campana said.

Whether it is a student going to the auction to find a bike, or a member of the community looking for a new fridge, the auction will have a number of things to choose from for various people and their uses.

Cycle tour for charity

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The Lawrence County Cycling Club held their fourth annual Tour de la Mec bicycle tour at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23.

The tour consisted of four 25-mile paths which were indicated by painted road arrows that showed the direction. Marty Park was both the starting and ending point. The 51 riders had the choice of riding 25, 50, 75, or 100 miles, with any combination of the four paths.

The tour was on scenic country roads through Lawrence and Mercer County, and the four different paths went through Mercer County, Laurel, Bedford, and New Castle. Some riders finished faster because of prior experience and their attempt to make a time, while others took the tour slow and easy, enjoying the scenery.

The event was held to allow riders a safe place to bike, with the support of other riders. Beverages were also provided. Prior to participating, all riders had to pay a $12 entry fee. The money raised went toward the Lawrence County Cycling Club and will be used for a local cycling benefit, which is not yet decided.

Member and owner of the Lawrence County Cycling Club, John Kwiat, helped organize the event. He also rode in the tour, completing 75 miles. Kwiat advertised for the event by mailing flyers to every bike shop within a 100-mile radius, as well as to past participants and to club members. He hopes that next year there will be an even better turn out than this year and previous years.

"The purpose of the tour was not only to raise money for our charity, but also to allow riders a safe place to ride that provided support," Kwiat said.

Junior Ashlee Nealer participated in the tour for the first time, completing 25 miles. She was the only college student to attend.

"It was freezing that morning, but a lot of fun," Nealer said. "I did a lot of riding over the summer and it [the tour] was something different to do. It had different courses and different roads to go on."

Those who are interested in cycling are encouraged to participate in next year's event. Kwiat would like the tour to gain a bigger response from college students and community members. Unfortunately, the Tour de la Mec is the only charity event held each year. However, the Lawrence County Cycling Club does hold other tours and cycling opportunities that are available to non-club members. Club members also ride regularly.

Preschool lab earns re-accreditation

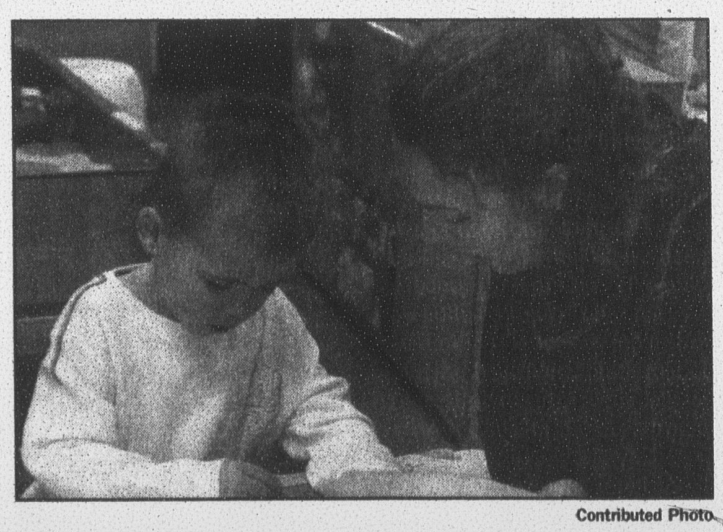
By Kathryn Zetzer
Staff Writer

The campus preschool lab is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education State Board of Private Academic Schools and was re-accredited in July of 2007 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

NAEYC Accreditation designates quality in early childhood education. Early childhood education programs must consent to be evaluated in three areas; education, health and safety.

The program is assessed against demanding national standards, ten NAEYC standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. This is a comprehensive process of voluntary self-study. Successful programs provide an environment that is healthy for teachers and students, teachers are well trained, curriculum is appropriate and teaching materials are developmentally suitable.

These programs are continuously improving themselves to provide the best possible educational opportunities for children. More than 11,000 programs, serving one million young children are currently accredited by NAEYC making only 8 percent of preschools and other childhood programs accredited.



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The preschool lab promotes a strong sense of self-accomplishement in children.

The campus preschool lab, located in room 145 of the Hoyt Science Resources Center, is an adaptable facility that serves both the college and the community. As part of the psychology department the program offers individual attention, trained and experience staff, original curriculum and developmentally appropriate equipment.

It is the view of the program that early childhood is an essential foundation for the development of children's social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language growth. Teachers who participated in the accreditation process are Diana Reed and Deborah Roud.

"I feel fortunate that the lab school is here to provide a model of high quality education to students and children in the community," Roud said. "I have enjoyed it for 18 years".

Accreditation lets families in the surrounding community know that children in the program are getting the best care and early learning experiences. The program received NAEYC accreditation after an onsite visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the standards. NAEYC accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation for five years.

The program also serves as a training facility for students interested in working with young children, providing real-life experiences for undergraduate students. College students gain experience through observation, volunteering or teaching.

Every Fall and Spring semester the program recruits college students to become part of the teaching team. These paid positions are available to students who are best qualified for the position. Volunteers are also chosen each semester.

"I have always wanted to teach, or work with children, this job has given me chance to do just that," junior Rachel Webster said. "I have been truly blessed with this job and being able to meet all these great people."

The program promotes a strong sense of self-accomplishment in children. Encouraging growth in many areas, the objectives of the program are developmental social skills, enhancing esteem through self-accomplishment, learning how to value another person's right by teaching respect for others, encouraging cognitive development, developing an appropriate pattern of dependence and independence, fostering a sense of continuity between school and the outside world as well as welcoming family involvement.

"I appreciate the support of the Westminster College community which allows us to provide a high quality preschool program," said Dr. Mandi Medvin, professor of psychology and director of the Preschool Lab.

Each class has a trained college aide as part of the teaching team. The teacher-child ratio is 1:5 for the three-and four-year-old class who meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meeting Monday and Wednesdays, the teacher-child ratio is 1:6 for the four-and five-year-old class.

"Learning is exciting because its fun," Dr. Medvin said.

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Two young boys laugh while spending time at the preschool.

Campus News

Hispanic heritage month honored with salsa event

By Brittany Betsch
Campus Writer

Decades after learning her first dance steps from her father, Eileen Torres is a choreographer, performer, lecturer and Salsa historian.

On September 25 at 7 p.m. in Orr auditorium, the diversity services hosted Torres in honor of Hispanic heritage month. Torres gave a lecture on the history of Salsa and a brief dance instruction. Approximately 90-100 students were in the audience as Torres spoke about Hispanic heritage.

Torres first learned the Rhumba at age five from her father. He contributed significantly in helping her choose her career path.

"My father gave me a fabulous appreciation for music," Torres said. "He told me to keep the step, always keep the step."

She later auditioned for a group in Puerto Rico and left her job in Denver, Colorado.

"My father gave me a fabulous appreciation for music," Torres said. "He told me to keep the step, always keep the step."
Eileen Torres

"That for me was a dream come true," Torres said.

After performing for awhile she then began choreographing.

"I'm a slow learner, but teaching comes naturally for me," Torres said.

She did not stop there. She runs her own production company and music entertainment company. She is also a Salsa historian and a Salsa promoter. Next, Torres plans to be the associate producer of a movie titled Mano.

As a Salsa historian, Torres has done quite a bit of lecturing in places like The Kennedy Center, Bacardi Salsa Congress in Puerto Rico, European Salsa Festival in the Netherlands and the Washington, D.C. Salsa Festival. Now she teaches at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

During the lecture, Torres mentioned that Cuban music got its start in Africa. Because of the percussive rhythms that African Americans developed, those beats carried over to Cuban music and inspired the "Afro-Cuban" style of music. She spoke of some of Cuban music's legends like Tito Puente, as well as Perez Prado, who was also referred to as the "Mambo King." She brought Cuban music up to date by stating how it has changed with artists like Marc Anthony and Carlos Santana in the '90s.

"I thought it was unique," freshman Meredith Smith said. "It brought a taste of culture to Westminster."

Dance Theater holds auditions

Beginners and veterans alike try out for February recital

By Lindsay Crist
Campus Writer

The spring semester brings many new opportunities to get involved on campus, including Greek life and many organizations, specifically Dance Theatre.

September 22 began the audition process for the upcoming spring Dance Theatre recital. On Saturday, the choreographers for the 2008 recital auditioned part of their potential dances for the officers, including president Amy Schillinger and treasurer Jocelyn Smith.

"Dance Theatre is an organization that gives students the opportunity to share their love for dance, through technique classes and individual dance rehearsals, in preparation for the spring recital," Smith said. "In order to get involved, students need to attend Dance Theatre's technique classes."

Even for those veteran dancers, the technique classes really help to improve their skills.

"I've loved to dance since I was a little girl, and love that I can still do it in college," senior Ashley Ray said. "I love performing, learning new things, and improving my technique."

Not all those who tried out were trained dancers. The program is open to all who are willing to put themselves out on stage and show off their favorite dance moves.

"We have dancers who have trained for years, but we also have dancers who have never performed," Smith said.

Although practice times have not yet been determined, they will start as soon as rehearsal times can be agreed upon among all the dancers and choreographers. This year's recital is scheduled for February 21, 22, and 23.

The recital has been moved up from March to February "mainly due to the availability of the auditorium," Smith said.

This year about seventy dancers tried out for their favorite styles of dance.

"I tried out for six of the dances," Ray said. "I love ballet, jazz and contemporary best."

The show includes a lot of diversity in dance styles, from Ray's classical dance styles like ballet to more contemporary styles.

This year's showcase plans to feature at least thirteen dances, including many different styles of dance and music to please every viewer.

"This year we have hip-hop, jazz, tap, Irish, fosse style and contemporary set to be included in the program," Smith said.

As a collective group, the Dance Theatre performers look forward to the show every year. They spend long hours preparing to learn all their dances, gathering costume pieces, music and lighting.

"The show is one of the best parts of Dance Theatre. But I also love the preparation for the show," Smith said. "Attending weekly dance rehearsals and knowing that others are doing the same really creates cohesion, and this group has a lot of fun together."

Equestrian club to host show

Twelve colleges to take part in local competition

By Rebecca Carman
Campus Writer

The Equestrian Club will be hosting a horse show on Sunday, Oct. 7. The events will begin at 9 a.m. in Little Neshannock.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, a national organization, divides the country into sections. The competition will include approximately 12 colleges, including Slippery Rock University, West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh and others located in this region of the country. The show will be hunt seat, with varying ranks from beginner to jumping. As the host, the team will need to work hard to get everything ready.

"Home shows take a ton of work," club advisor Evann Garrison said.

The team will be responsible for providing ribbons and prizes, finding and paying a judge, selling ads for the programs, preparing the course and cleaning. The team will also be riding and practicing. Not all members will compete; only a few from each school will have the chance. The competitors rotate with each show. Only those from the college who really want to compete are in the rotation.

The riders are judged subjectively, similar to how figure skaters are judged. A drawing tests the rider's skills. The horse and rider are paired for each competition through a random drawing in which the horse has never been ridden by the rider, and it is done only minutes before the show begins.

Competitor Rachel Hudson is excited about the show and the opportunity to work more on her riding skills. Hudson has been riding since she was 10 years old. She has competed for years. Now competing is riding to her.

"Competitions give me goals," Hudson said. "They give me a purpose to ride better."

Garrison has also been riding since she was young. Her grandfather, a former president of the college, loved riding so much that he was given a horse. The school then formed a riding club for pleasure riding, not for competition.

"It's the most joyous freedom I can imagine," Garrison said. "Horses are pure honesty."

Garrison has been involved with the club for about five years. She started going to the barns when her daughter wanted lessons. Occasionally she would pay to ride in a lesson as well. When one of the riding teachers left, Mary Roach-McKinley, head coach for the team, asked Garrison to step in and teach a night class once a week. Garrison accepted the opportunity, and when the former advisor for the club stepped down, Roach-McKinley once again asked Garrison to step into the position.

A faculty or staff member of the college must fill the role of advisor. Garrison accepted this position and the chance to get to know students outside of the classroom.

The club is a way for students to work on riding skills and to develop a relationship with horses. It is an opportunity to enjoy horses and horsemanship with others who share the same interest. The horses are the biggest focus for the club.

"We're pretty laid back," Garrison said, "for the horses' benefit."

Members love riding for different reasons, but a love for horses is the center of loving to ride.

The club brings a number of students to the college and Roach-McKinley often gives barn tours to prospective students. Hudson said that the club figured into her decision when choosing a college. The team is also a link with alumni. Many of the former team members still visit the barns.

Photo by Sky

Equestrian team member, Kristen Bredniak, rides her horse in the homecoming parade on Saturday, September 29. Members of the team will compete against eleven other schools in a horse show on Sunday, October 7 in Little Neshannock.

SGA Day

From A-1

SIFE's Cash Cart will be similar to this show. There will be a host in the cart who will ask the riders questions about finance and money. If the student gets the questions right, they will win prizes. Like the actual show, their ride will end if they answer too many questions incorrectly.

"I think [Cash Cart] is a great way to get students to learn something about the importance of personal finance," senior Nina Pino said. "I hope the Cash Cart picks me up!"

Louis Simeone, treasurer of SIFE, is in charge of the event.

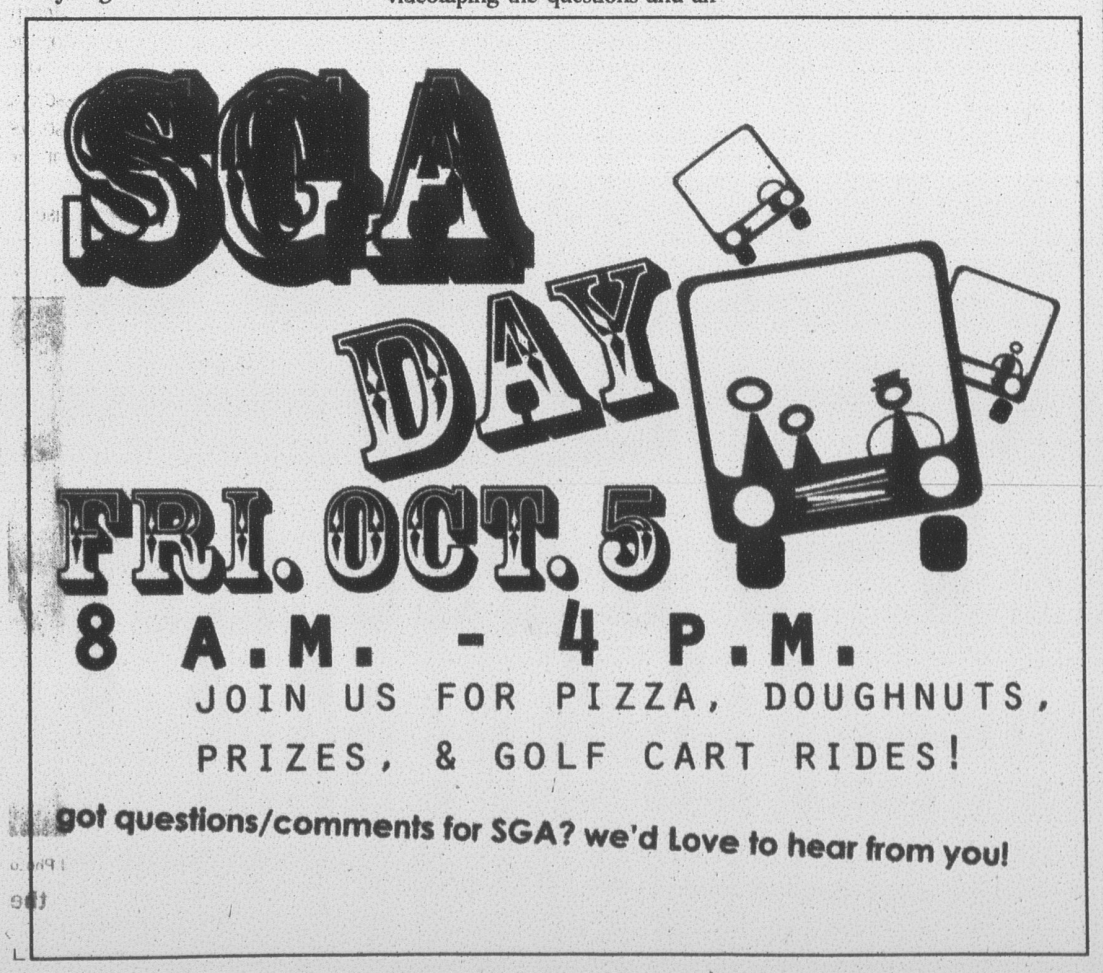
"The main thing about the Cash Cart is that we want students to have fun while learning something useful about personal finance," Simeone said.

SIFE's goal for hosting this event is to gauge students' awareness and knowledge of personal finance issues. The host will be videotaping the questions and answers and plan to use the results of this project as part of another project later in the year.

"The goal of Westminster SIFE is to foster business and economic development on our campus and in the surrounding communities by completing a variety of service and educational projects," Simeone said. SIFE stands for Students In Free Enterprises.

Titan Radio will be at the event from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a comment box throughout the entire day.

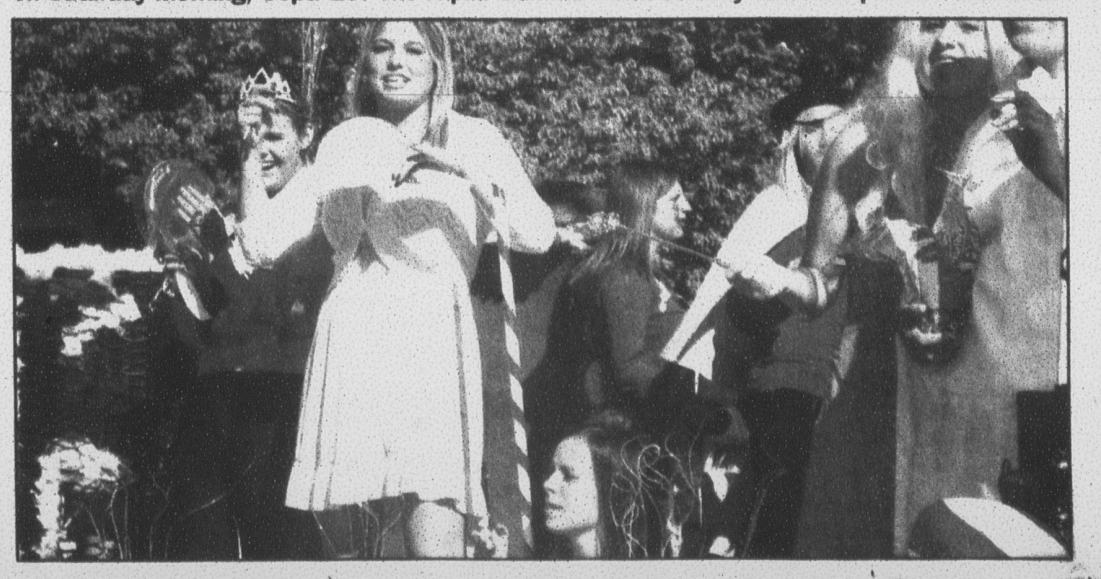


Students and town members parade through town for Homecoming

Photos by Sky

Homecoming Weekend

Students from organizations and Greek life combined to form the parade that took place on Saturday morning, Sept. 29. The Alpha Gamma Delta sorority took the prize of best float.



Campus News

Mock Democratic Convention

By Jessica Davis
Campus Writer

Students and faculty will participate in the 2007 Mock Convention at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in Orr Auditorium to encourage a better understanding of the election process.

Coordinated by the Executive Committee and advised by James Rhoads, associate professor of political science, the Mock Convention will begin on November 7. Bill Press, former Chair of the Democratic Party in California, will be the keynote speaker and will take questions from students.

On Thursday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m., students will debate important issues while taking a democratic point of view in the intramural gym in the field house. The final session will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; student delegates will choose nominees for President and Vice President.

Traditionally, this event acts as a main example of politics for students on campus. Accordingto www. westminster. edu, about 90 percent of students take part in the convention.

"Founded in 1936, the Mock Convention's purpose is to increase student awareness of the political process and the candidates seeking nomination while creating and atmosphere that ensures a great deal of fun for the students," Steven Ruperto, senior executive chair for the convention, said.

The second oldest convention of its kind, is prepared entirely by students. Students dress in costume to play the roles of campaign managers, state chairs, and state delegates. Customarily, each state delegation would be represented by students; however this year, only eight delegations will be represented in regions. Each region chooses a theme and dresses accordingly.

The Mock Convention has always focused on the party-out-of-power, the Democrats, due to tradition and the unpredictability of the candidates. This year there are no incumbent Presidents or Vice Presidents seeking nomination for the first time since 1952. So, more Democratic candidates are available for representation.

This event was created to aid students in understanding the political process of electing a President while providing an amusing environment.

"I hope students will learn more about our electoral process, and will also learn that political debate can be entertaining," Rhoads said.

The Mock Convention allows students to experience a model of the real conventions held during election time. Three nominees will be represented on campus, this year. Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator Barack Obama, and former Senator John Edwards will be presented for nomination after students defend each party and their main points have been expressed.

During the first session, Bill Press will speak and provide students with the characteristics of the Democratic position. Since his senatorship, Press has been working in television and radio as a political expert. His insight will encourage students to think critically about the convention.

Because a number of states have been making their primary dates earlier, the Mock Convention is earlier this year than any before. By doing so, students avoid the opinions of already nominated parties.

See You at the Pole

Photo by Mandie Zoller

Students met at the pole for prayer on Sept. 26.

By Vicki Boggess
Campus Writer

Students gathered around the flagpole on the quad to come together in prayer on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

At 11:40 a.m., 43 students met together on the quad for See You at the Pole, an annual event held on many campuses across the country. The event was coordinated by senior Deborah Ward, with help from the chapel staff. Ward has been in charge of planning this event for the past four years.

"The event takes about a month of planning; we usually begin discussing it at our first chapel staff meeting." Ward said. "Planning seems to get shorter each year, because I have so many people to help."

The event lasted a half hour, giving students an opportunity to sing praise songs, to learn more about the history surrounding the event and to pray out loud for any prayer requests they had. Students were encouraged to pray out loud, but if they did not feel comfortable they could pass the prayer by squeezing the hand to the person next to them. After the closing song, students had the chance for fellowship with one another.

"It's a nice event that doesn't take long." Ward said. "It's a chance to see other people, who believe what you believe, a great community building event."

See You at the Pole is an annual event that is initiated, organized and led by students across the country. It is an opportunity for students to meet around their school flagpole and pray. Students are able to pray for anything from their school to the nation. The event is held annually on the fourth Wednesday of September.

Sophomore Rebecca Ruppert has been participating in See You at the Pole for six years.

"It's a great time to stand out and take a step out of your comfort zone, and it makes a visible statement of who you are and what you believe" Ruppert said.

See You at the Pole began in Burleson, Texas, in 1990. The event began when a few students felt compelled to pray, leading them to three different schools praying at the flagpole. A challenge was issued to students throughout Texas to meet at their flagpole and pray at the same time.

Since it began, See You at the Pole has grown by word of mouth, announcements at youth rallies and churches and through the internet. See You at the Pole has currently grown into an international event. Three-million students in the United States participate every year, along with students in 20 other countries.

ZTA's Shoot for the Cause tournament to benefit breast cancer research

By Jenn Corkadel
Editor-in-Chief

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha are planning to host "Shoot for the Cause" on Sat. Oct. 6 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Memorial Field House.

The annual basketball tournament benefits Zeta Tau Alpha's national philanthropy, Susan B. Komen for the Cure.

This is the third year Shoot for the Cause is being held on campus, with teams of three in different age brackets competing throughout the day. Currently about thirty teams are registered to participate in the tournament.

"I think that a lot of people didn't want to play because they think it's taken very seriously. We had close to 200 people sign up but still only have about 90 people playing," said senior Ashley Ray, Zeta Tau Alpha President.

Ray believed that multiple sports teams being away for this weekend as well as the Saturday date affected the number of teams participating.

In order to encourage more organizations to register teams, the sisters will give a pizza party to the organization with the most teams participating.

"If they write what organization they're from on their registration sheet, organizations have the chance to win a pizza party," said junior Amanda Smallhoover, Zeta Tau Alpha Philanthropy Chair.

While the tournament is going on, spectators and participants can enter in a Chinese Raffle as well as a 50-50 auction. Other organizations have the opportunity to support their philanthropies at the event as well.

"We give all of the other fraternities and sororities the opportunity to make a donation for a table, and they get to raise money for their philanthropy," said junior Becca Shiner, Zeta Tau Alpha's Fundraising Chair.

Fraternities get TRASHed with organization

Sierra Student Coalition holds challenge for houses

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

Sierra Student Coalition is sponsoring a recycling competition between the fraternity houses.

While most students are familiar with the mantra "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," is it actually practiced throughout the campus community? The answer is yes; there are recycling efforts in place on campus, but what happens to the accumulation of recyclable cans, bottles and other things at fraternity houses? That question is the driving force behind the TRASHed Challenge.

The truth is that most fraternities do not regularly recycle.

The Sierra Student Coalition (SSC), the environmental organization on campus, is hoping to change that. According to the Sierra Student Coalition national website, the SSC believes that "environmental protection is compatible with economic growth and a high quality of life, and [they] are committed to work with communities impacted by environmental damage."

On campus, the SSC carries out its mission and actively promotes conservation. The TRASHed Challenge will enable the group to expand its efforts to a larger part of the campus.

SSC President Leanna Stitt explained that the TRASHed Challenge is just the beginning. "We're taking baby steps. While simply recycling is not the only thing to do, it does promote conservation. This is just the first step," Stitt said.

What exactly is the TRASHed Challenge?

According to a contract sent to each fraternity, the purpose of the TRASHed Challenge is "to increase environmental awareness among the fraternities through recycling and to encourage environmental actions in the future through commitment this semester."

Approximately one week ago, fraternity presidents received an e-mail from SSC vice president Holly Leach, detailing the logistics of the TRASHed Challenge and asking for participants. Most fraternities agreed to participate.

That first e-mail explained four basic guidelines the participants must adhere to while participating in the TRASHed Challenge. The fraternities then received a contract containing more specific contest details. It includes of list of seven rules and regulations.

The SSC is grateful to the physical plant for "allowing the competitors to drop off their recyclables in campus recycling located outside of Galbreath," Stitt said.

The campus community will be aware of each fraternity's progress through *The Holcad*, which will include a chart of the standings each week. In addition, the winning fraternity will receive a $300 gift card to Home Depot to use for house improvements as well as campus-wide recognition for their commitment to helping improve the environment.

"Because it is a semester-long event, our hope is that fraternities will continue to recycle even after the competition is completed," Stitt said.

The Sierra Student Coalition plans to hold another competition next semester aimed to improve energy conservation in residence halls.

The TRASHed Challenge began Sunday, Sept. 30 and will run until Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Rules for the TRASHed Challenge:

1. Participants must account for all recycling bags and items within bags.

2. All items must be separated by specification.

3. Any bags with excessive liquid, trash and non-recyclables will not count for the competition.

4. The fraternity will drop off recycling that accumulates at their fraternity home only.

5. Each fraternity must drop off its recycling every Sunday between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

Author of Arthur and D.W. books to present on campus

Source: arthurworldwide.com

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

Marc Brown, author of "Arthur" and "D.W." books will be presenting on campus in Orr Auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

Brown's presentation is sponsored by the education department and is free and open to the public. A book signing will also follow the presentation.

"This event is part of the author's series we have on campus," assistant professor of the education department, Amy Camardese, said.

"I have put on this event for the last seven years as every fall we bring in an author for the series."

The largest sponsor of this event is SGA as it funded $5,000 for the speaker. Kappa Delta Pi, the education honorary society; Phi Delta Kappa, the education honorary society for individuals all over the Wilmington area who have a master's degree; and the department of education are also other sponsors of the event.

Brown was born and raised in Erie, Pa., where he grew up with his three sisters and grandmother. He became interested in books as his grandmother told him stories.

"I never knew Marc Brown was born and raised in Erie," junior Amber Bollard said. "I remember reading the Arthur series when I was little, and it's pretty cool to know that they were written by someone who was born and raised so close to where I live."

After Brown grew up and became a father, he realized how important his grandmother's stories were. Every night he would tell his son bedtime stories.

These stories were about animals, in particularly an aardvark named Arthur who hated his nose.

Eventually this story became, "Arthur's Nose," the first book in the Arthur series.

Based on the Arthur series, Brown also came up with a series based on Arthur's sister, D.W.

The characters in Brown's books are based on the people in his life. Also, his children, Tolon, Tucker and Eliza, inspire Brown in his story ideas. Hidden within Brown's stories are characters that closely resemble his children.

Currently, Brown lives in Hingham, Mass., and on Martha's Vineyard with his wife, Laura Krasny Brown. Laura is also an illustrator and author. Marc and Laura are famous for their nonfiction series, "Dino Life Guides for Families."

Overall, Brown has written more than 117 Arthur and D.W. books which have inspired kids all over the country.

"I absolutely love the Arthur series," senior Amanda Bohler said. "I read them all the time to my two little sisters, and they adore hearing the stories over and over again."

During the book signing after Brown's presentation, there will be a chance to purchase books for autographs and a chance to talk with him.

More author series will be booked for this upcoming fall series, so look out for those opportunities.

Football defeats PAC rival

Titans rip through Grove City to grab Homecoming game win 14-7

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

With a winning record going into the first conference game of the year, the Titans came out with something to prove.

The Titans faced off against a bitter rival in Grove City and upped their record to 3-1 on the season 1-0 in the PAC. This marks the first time the Titans have gone 3-1 since the 2001 season.

The game started out slowly as both teams struggled to get their offenses rolling. The Titans defense did a nice job of not letting the Wolverines move the ball, but on Westminster's first drive of the game McClosky lost possession of the ball and Grove City recovered the fumble.

The very next series the Titan D came back out after the fumble and forced a quick punt giving Westminster the ball back on their own 32 yard line. With the help of some great running by tailback Nick McClosky, the Titans moved the ball down the field into Wolverine territory. To cap off the drive, Westminster tailback Jacob Shaffer pounded the ball into the end zone from 1 yard away, placing Westminster ahead 7-0 with 4:46 left in the 1st quarter.

With little time left in the quarter, both defenses stood strong and allowed no more points in the first quarter. On Grove City's first drive of the 2nd quarter the offense was rolling. With the help of a 30-yard pass from DiDonato to Zach Summy, Grove City was ready to tie up the game and that they did.

Grove City capped off the scoring drive with a 1-yard plunge by Matt Weil to tie the game 7-7. The score stayed tied for most of the quarter until Titans QB Kevin Franz went on a tear. The drive started with 5:33 left in the 1st half as Kevin Franz went on to complete an astonishing 6 passes on the Titans scoring drive.

Due to some soft hands by senior receiver Jason Discello who had 26 yards receiving on this drive capped off with a 6-yard TD reception putting the Titans ahead 14-7 a score that would not change the rest of the game.

Some of the important stats this game included big tackle games for Jacob Martinez and Jordan Blinn. Blinn had 8 tackles on the day while Martinez came up with 7 and 2 for a loss. On the offensive side of the ball Nick McClosky busted out for a 108 yard rushing day; however he did not get the lone rushing touchdown. The most important numbers of the day however belong to sophomore QB Kevin Franz who threw 188 yards and one touchdown along with a 73% completion percentage on the day.

With the Titans now 3-1 on the year everyone is expecting good things. Westminster travels to Thomas More October 6th. Kickoff is 2:30 p.m. When asked how it feels to be winning and what is different about this year's football, Titans senior center Bryan Borkovich said, "It feels great to be winning for once we have gone through a lot of hardships as a group, but what feels different with this group is the confidence that everyone has in each other. I know the offense has not been playing to its potential, but the defense has been there to pick us up which is what needs to happen,,we have just really been playing well as a complete TEAM."

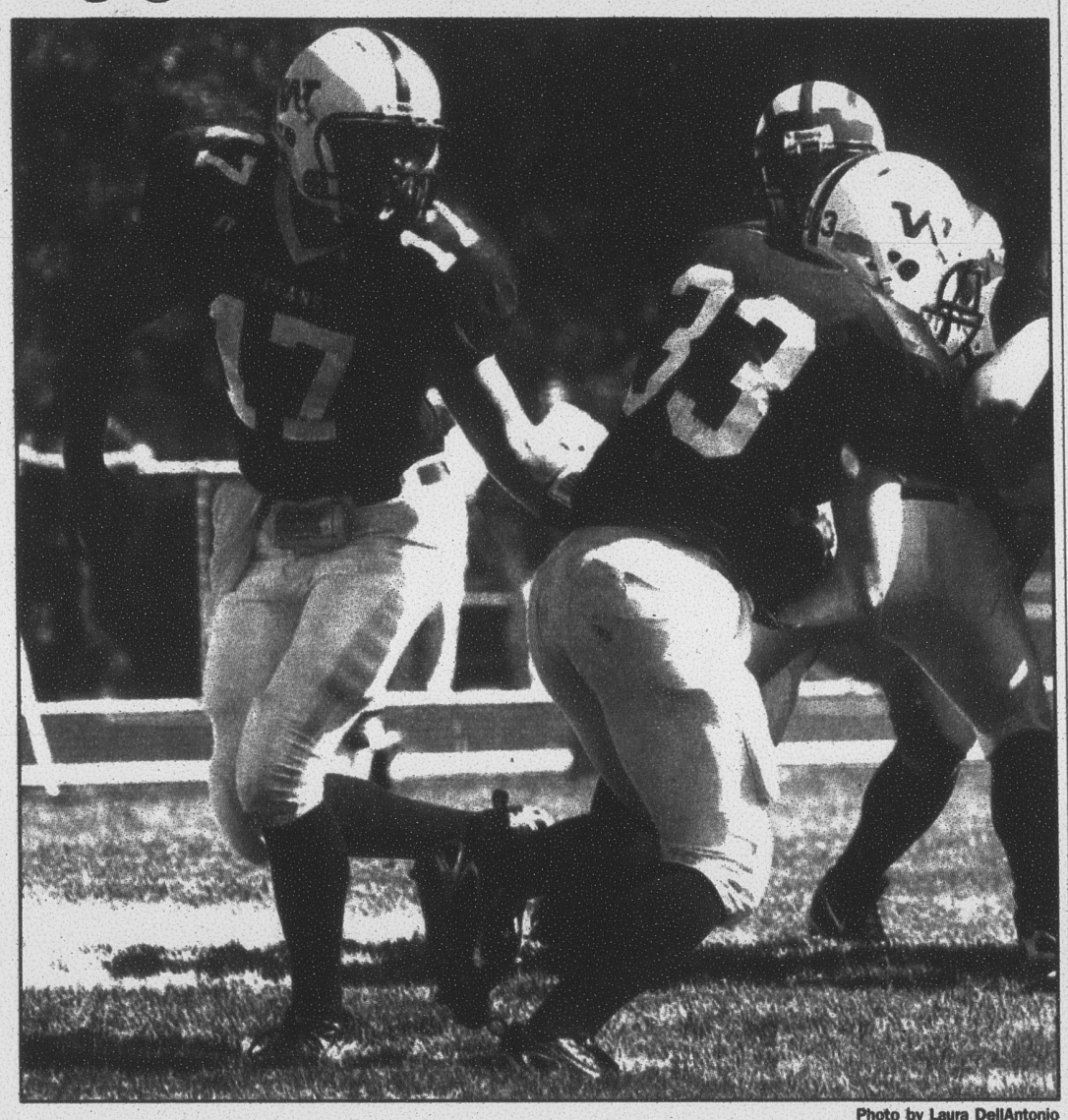


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Quarterback Kevin Frantz hands off to tailback Nick McKolosky during the game against Grove City on Saturday, September 29. The Titans ended up victorious for the homecoming crowd, beating their PAC rival 14-7.

The hunt for October...

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Angels in the outfield, a team wearing Red Sox, an Indian tribe known as the Wahoo Crew, and oh yeah, that other team in the pinstripes; a lot of playoff surprises in the American League this season.

Several baseball analysts predicted the American League's playoff representatives with relative ease; however, the National League's hunt for October was anything but relative to reason.

Most likely, preseason picks in the National League would have wagered on the Mets winning the East, last year's World Series Champion Cardinals winning the Central, the Padres winning the West, and the wild card going to either the Dodgers or Braves.

With the Mets committing possibly baseball's most colossal collapse of all time, the Cardinals unable to put together anything that resembled a rotation, not to mention lineup protection for Albert Pujols, and the Padres losing in what was probably baseball's most thrilling sudden death game of my lifetime; the National League has once again turned baseball into national excitement.

This is exactly what Major League Baseball needed. Just like the National Football League and college basketball, every game of this year's MLB season mattered and the playoff race came down to the final game. This year's hunt for October in the National League was undoubtedly the closest contended race of my lifetime.

As exciting as the National League playoff chase was, the competition of the National League playoff teams is not even in the same ballpark, no pun intended, as that of their American League counterparts. Any team in the American League would beat any team in the National League in a seven game series. All four of the American League teams have both, a solid rotation and a lethal lineup.

On the contrary, the National League squads have one or the other. The Phillies and Rockies have the lineups, but not the rotation. The Diamondbacks have the rotation but not the lineup and the Cubs probably have the best combination of both.

Staying with the NL, I like Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, and Ryan Howard to power the Phillies past the Rockies. Although neither of these teams have a rotation, the Phillies have a sure winner every time young gun Cole Hamels steps on the mound. In the other divisional series, the Cubs and Sweet Lou Piniella will beat the worst MLB playoff team, the Arizona Diamondbacks.

In the American League, C.C. Sabathia and the Wahoo Crew's pitching staff will keep the Bronx Bombers at bay, while Grady Sizemore, Victor Martinez, and Travis Hafner provide the bulk of the Tribe's offense. In the other divisional series, the Boston Red Sox staff, which is the best in the playoffs, will shutdown Vlad Guerrero and the Angels' lineup. Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, and Curt Schilling will be a tough rotation for any lineup to rattle.

Now that the hunt for October is over, only the hunters remain while the hunted are in disdain, waiting one month to declare a champion of this coveted game.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Men's soccer battles through three games

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team certainly had a tough past week as they took on three extremely skilled teams. The Titans took on Baldwin Wallace, Pitt Johnstown and Saint Vincent this past week coming out with two losses and a tie.

The Titans matched up against Baldwin Wallace on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at home. Baldwin Wallace scored the first goal, but after 62 minutes of play, sophomore midfielder Steve Armahizer was able to put one away for the Titans on an assist from senior forward Andrew Saporito.

Unfortunately the Titans could not hold on as Baldwin Wallace was able to score two more goals before the end of the half for a final score of 1-3.

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the Titans traveled to Pitt Johnstown for a non-conference game against a NCAA Division II team. Both teams took the field and battled it out for a scoreless first half. Throughout the second half, the teams took the field to continue the battle until UPJ was able to score with 14 minutes remaining in the game to claim a win of 1-0.

Although the Titans lost, it certainly seemed that they outplayed UPJ as they were able to get off 15 shots compared to that of UPJ's 13 shots. Six of these shots were taken by Saporito, while freshman goalkeeper Mike Codita was able to make four saves for the Titans.

"It was unfortunate to lose that game, but it goes to show that you have to play hard until the end, no matter what the circumstances," junior midfielder Justin Rivas said.

After losing two games, the Titans knew that they would have to step it up for their game on Saturday, Sept. 29, which would be their first conference game of the season against Saint Vincent.

Although Saint Vincent is part of the conference, they are not yet able to compete for the PAC title.

Saint Vincent started out the goal scoring after 12 minutes of play, but the Titans answered back in the 39th minute of play with a goal by sophomore Brice Lott to tie the game at 1-1. About three minutes after Lott's goal, senior midfielder Garrett Horvath scored a goal to gain the lead.

Saint Vincent came back strong with two goals in the 49th and 60th minute of play, giving them a lead of 3-2. Both teams battled back and forth until finally, in the 75th minute, a foul occurred in the box resulting in a penalty kick for the Titans. The kick was taken by Chris Ellwanger and was successful, taking the game into overtime. The game remained scoreless throughout both overtime periods resulting in a tie of 3-3.

Although this past week brought the Titans' record to 4-4-2, the Titans plan to keep practicing hard in order to improve their record, as they take on Geneva on Monday, Oct. 1, who is another non- conference team.

Lady Titan kickers shut out St. Vincent 2-0 for Homecoming

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team returned to the field Homecoming weekend and was ready to play after a weeklong break from competing.

Posting another shutout victory against Saint Vincent, the Titans won 2-0.

"We were having trouble scoring the last few games and the break gave us a chance to sit down and talk about how our play had changed since the beginning of the season," senior Brittany McKee said. "We also had an opportunity to rest and get healthy."

The first goal, scored by senior Kristen Martin, occurred early in the game with an assist by junior Christina Adams.

Late in the game senior Mallory Bugel added to the Titan lead scoring a goal on an assist by freshman Hannah Schade.

Overall, the Titans out shot Saint Vincent 23-6. Sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Melott made one save against the Bearcats six attempts.

The Titans begin PAC play this week, entering with an overall record of 6-2-2.

Achieving better overall records in the PAC to date are Grove City (9-0-1) and Thomas More (9-1). Both teams were the victors in their first PAC matches.

The soccer team has out shot and outscored non-conference teams 199-84 and 23-6, respectively. Defensively, the Titans have had 54 saves and six shutouts.

The Titans' first PAC match up is Thursday, Oct. 4 at Thiel.

Thiel's overall record is 1-7-1 and they dropped their first PAC match with Thomas More, 3-0.

"We know that we have to go into every game and play our best," McKee said. "After winning the 2006 PAC championship, everyone is gunning for us."

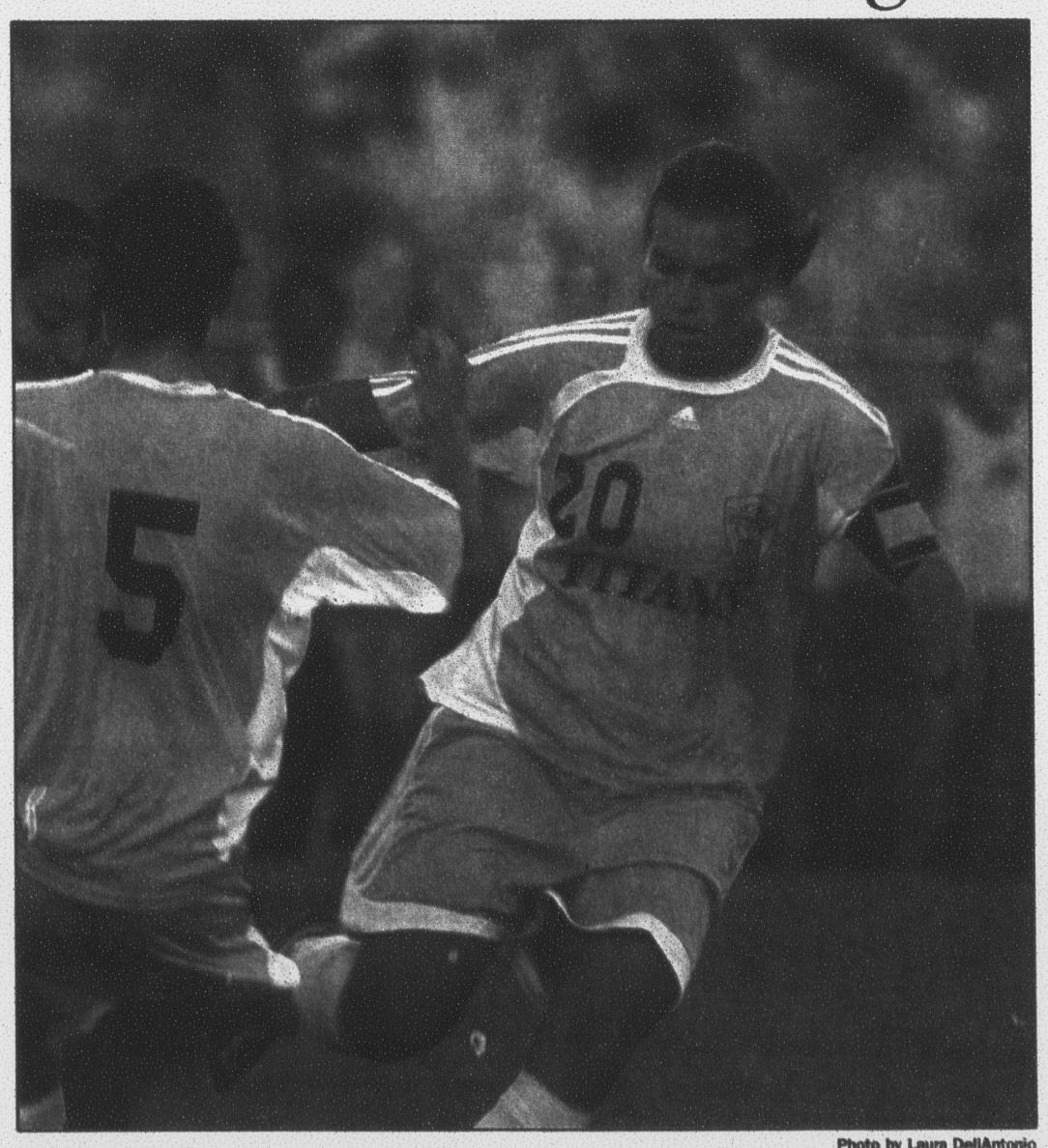

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior midfielder Christina Adams and sophomore midfielder Meredith Sabol steal the ball from an St. Vincent opponent. The Lady Titans went on to beat St Vincent, 2-0.

Sports

Student to try out for Olympic archery team

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

Junior Danielle McCullough is currently attempting to make the female Olympic archery team.

She started shooting when she was nine years old because of her older brother Nathan, who is also trying out for the Olympic team. Her first national tournament was only three months after she had started shooting and she came in 4th in the 12 and under age class.

To date she has sixteen national titles, and a few national records. She also made Jr. USAT (under 18 United States Archery Team) six times (every year that she was eligible to make the team).

In 2002 Danielle traveled to the Czech Republic to compete in Jr. Worlds. Also in 2004 she tried out for the Olympic team and placed 11th.

"It was very exciting to make the top 16 and continue moving on in the process," McCullough said.

The past two years she has competed in the Colligate division and has gone to College Nationals both years. Her freshman year, she placed 4th and made the All-American team. Her sophomore year, she made a team that went to Venezuela. There, she placed 7th individually and was a member of the female recurve bow team that placed 3rd after Venezuela (1st) and Cuba (2nd).

The Olympic trials process this year is different from years past. First, it had a qualifying score of 1180 (for females) and archers were given a year to achieve this score or above.

Second, the trials are split up into three parts. The first part takes place Sept. 27-30 in Atlanta, GA and this is cutting down to the top 16 in both the male and female divisions. This is called the "shadow team" and all 32 participants will continue on until April where the next cut is made down to the top 8.

This will take place at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, CA. Shortly following in May, at the same location, the cut will be to the top 4 (3 archers of each gender will compete in the Olympics in China the 4th person is the alternate). These eight archers will train together till they depart for China.

McCullough is a junior history major pre-law minor from Colorado Springs, Co. Aside from archery, she also makes time for the flag line and is a member of the Holcad staff.

Volleyball splits matches with Thomas More, beats Bethany

By Tom Campana
Sports Writer

The women's volleyball team dropped its first PAC match this Saturday at Thomas More. The lady Titans made way to Kentucky this past weekend to do battle against the undefeated Saints in a fight for sole possession of first place in the PAC. The Titans took the Saints to a five game set as they lost 33-35, 30-20, 30-22, 25-30 and 15-8.

The lady Titans also played Franklin College at Thomas More as the won three of the four matches 30-26, 30-15, 27-30 and 30-24. The Titans are now 7-11 for the season with a 3-1 mark in PAC play.

"We have been practicing very hard and I think we will be ready come Friday to beat Thomas More," senior Danielle Hogue said.

Sophomore Sam Botzum and senior Jess Cooper posted 9 kills against the Saints, as junior setter Traci Hassell produced 41 assist 21 digs and 4 solo blocks in the lady Titans loss.

"We did not play up to our full potential but we will be ready on Friday. We work so hard in practice; we just have to apply it in the games," Hassell said.

The womens volleyball team will host Washington and Jefferson Tuesday at 7 p.m., the lady Titans will also have a rematch against Thomas More Friday

After winning back to back matches last week the lady Titans continued their winning streak, as they beat the Bethany Bison 30-18, 30-26 and 32-30. The lady Titans are now 3-0 in the PAC, as they post a 6-10 season mark.

Sophomore outside hitter Beth Copp posted 15 kills, while senior middle hitter Jess Cooper had nine kills.

Junior setter Traci Hassell tallied 48 assists and four blocks, while senior libero Hannah Parker added 18 digs and three aces in the Titan victory.

Recap of Homecoming weekend 2007

Photo by Kirsten Dize

The 2007 Homecoming king and queen pose for a picture after they are crowned. Winners were Theta Chi's Kevin Shields and Sigma Kappa's Ashley Carnahan.

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Tara Coyne is tossed in the air by her fellow cheerleaders during halftime of the Titan's victorious game against Grove City

Photo by Sky

Members of the Titanettes perform to the music of the Titan marching band during the 2007 Homecoming parade.

Photo by Kirsten Dize

Members of Kappa Delta sorority cheer on their queen candidate, Diana Peet. Kappa Delta finished fourth in the float competition with their board game theme "Clue."

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This happy couple from Theta Chi celebrates their marriage on the "Game of Life" float in the Homecoming parade.

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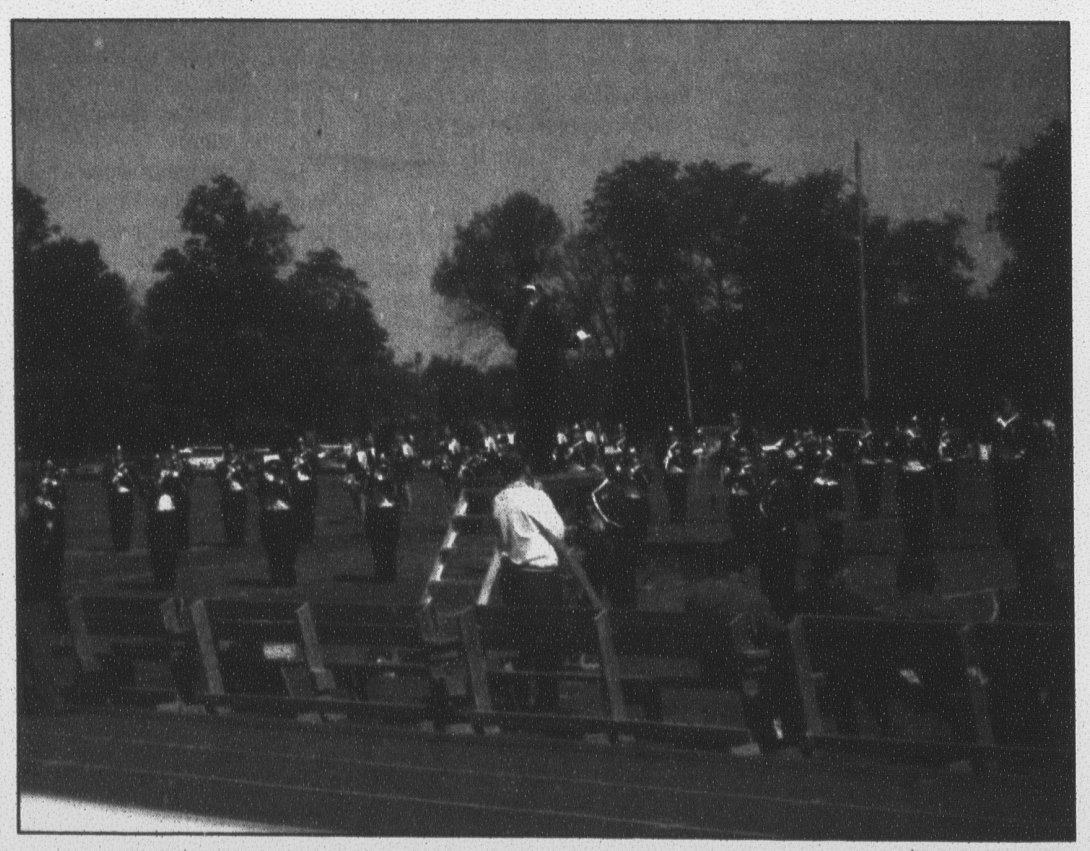

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The Titan marching band performs "The National Anthem" under the direction of drum major, Jon Nickel, during the football game on Saturday.

Calendar

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Darwin Huey, "How I Spent My Sabbatical Leave" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Allegheny

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Annual Henderson Lecture: Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, 2007 Speaker (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Honors Chorus Auditions

12:40-1:50 PM GET REAL! Workshop: Wheels and Deals!, Bill Fitts, Presenter (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

3:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Thiel*

4:15 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse on El Salvador (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

5:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Thiel*

5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Club Room)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

6:00 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 152)

6:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

Friday, October 5, 2007

Concert Choir's Annual Music and Meatballs Dinner -- Three Seatings: 4:30, 5:45, 7:00

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SGA Day (MCC Patio (Rain Location: Orr Auditorium Portico))

11:35 AM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM West Virginia Philosophical Society Fall Meeting (Old Main 213)

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Thomas More*

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sicko (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, October 6, 2007

TBA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY Westminster Invitational

TBA WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY Westminster Invitational

8:00 AM West Virginia Philosophical Society Fall Meeting (Old Main 213)

11:30 AM Women's Tennis @ Chatham*

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Shoot for the Cause 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (Philanthropy Fundraiser Sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha) (Memorial Field House)

1:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Bethany*

1:00 PM Volleyball @ Thiel* (at Chatham)

2:30 PM Football @ Thomas More*

3:00 PM Volleyball @ Chatham*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM Night Owl Bowling -- Van Leaves from Shaw Side of MCC

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Sicko (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Equestrian Team Home Competition

2:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Saint Vincent

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers -- Worldwide Communion (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sicko (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, October 8, 2007

COLUMBUS DAY (observed)

TBA Men's Golf @ La Roche Invitational

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:15 PM PRSSA Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:30 PM Pre-Veterinary Society Meeting (Hoyt 166)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Career Center's Internship Workshop (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:15 PM Panhellenic Council Meeting (Ferguson 111)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

6:30 PM Mock Convention Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Studio Horn Recital (Orr Auditorium)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Jamie McMinn, "The Role of Physical Attractiveness and Gender on Students' Perceptions of Sexual Orientation Stability" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Geneva

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Washington & Jefferson*

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Bethany*

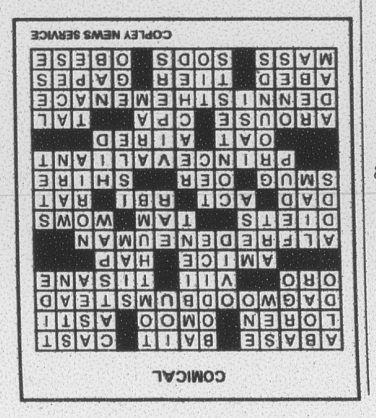
7:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Washington & Jefferson*

7:00 PM Children's Author/Illustrator Marc Brown Appearing in Person for Presentation/Lecture (Orr Auditorium)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)



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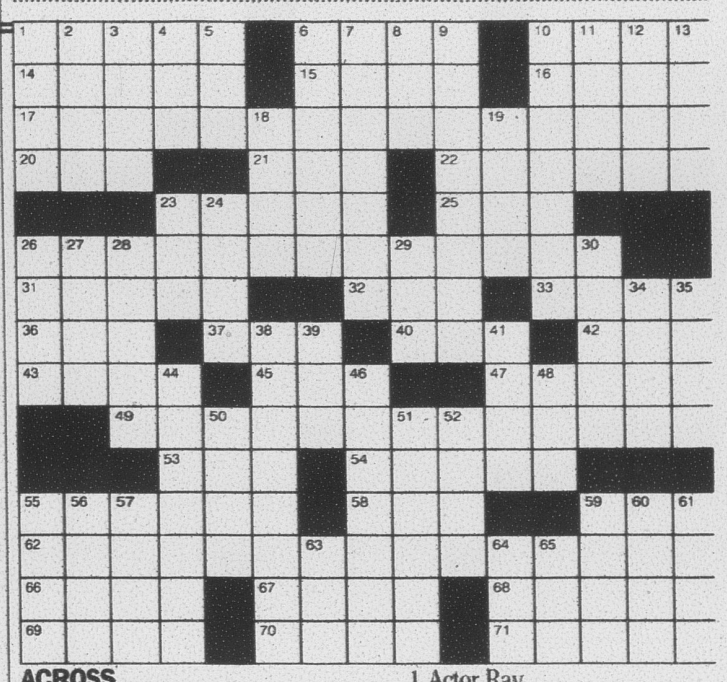

ACROSS

1 Demean
6 Lure
10 Role players
14 "Grumpier Old Men" actress
15 "Typee" sequel
16 Italian wine region
17 Chic Young's comic character
20 Conquistadors' quest
21 "QB-___": Uris novel
22 Herbal beverage
23 Liturgical vestment
25 Gen. Arnold, familiarly
26 Norman Minco's comic character
31 Loses, perhaps
32 Highland hat
33 Awes
36 Pop
37 Pre-college test
40 Sosa stat
42 Nautical deserter?
43 Complacent
45 Over, poetically
47 County,in Great Britain, once
49 Hal Foster's comics character
53 Type of bran
54 Broadcast
55 Incite
58 Tax expert: abbr.
59 1960s chess champion
62 Hank Ketchum's comic character
66 Not up
67 Stadium section
68 Ogles
69 Large but nonspecific amount
70 Prepares a gridiron?
71 Corpulent

DOWN

1 Actor Ray
2 Wild pig
3 Jason's craft
4 Mend, in a way
5 Roxy Music co-founder
6 Dress part
7 Surrounding
8 Chit
9 Diminutive hero of English folklore
10 Light breeze causing ripples
11 Not ashore
12 Saxophonist Getz
13 Neap, e.g.
18 Roman poet
19 Thailand, once
23 Pianist Tatum
24 Butte
26 Totals
27 Neeson, of Nell
28 Exasperated
29 Sympathetic attention
30 Water wheel
34 Alert
35 Proofreader's notation
38 Challenges
39 Gumshoe
41 Capri, e.g.
44 Coffee maker debris
46 Arrived at
48 Went underground
50 Former Romanian capital
51 Asp and adder
52 Composer Khachaturian
55 Sixth day creation
56 Singer McEntire
57 Small bills
59 Record
60 Rare golf scores
61 ___ majesty
63 Pedro's uncle
64 Star quality?
65 Catch in the act

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
Use your creative abilities to come up with some wonderful ideas for making money. Keep it simple and work your fiscal magic to create prosperity and success.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
A partnership will prove to be very powerful and useful. Join forces with an individual who can raise your current status and help you to improve your lifestyle.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
Take control of your life and decide which direction would be most ideal. Rise above complaints or criticism and choose to operate on the solution level.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Social activities are highlighted this week. Set the stage for fun and enjoyment and surprise a loved one with an unexpected announcement or proposal.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
You will find yourself in an upbeat emotional mood this week. Take time to review past hurts or disappointments and gladly agree to let them go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
It is important to get a message across in a timely and effective manner. Utilize all of your communication skills and talents to get the job done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Welcome a new financial chapter in your life. Do your best to stay free and clear of debt and to steer away from your old wasteful spending habits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
Practice caution and take a disciplined approach to relationships. Surface feelings may appear calm and clear, but underneath, emotional turmoil churns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Uncover your greatest motivation in meditation. Tie up loose ends on a personal project and begin preparations for a new cycle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Plan to spend quality time with friends or associates. Live in the moment and get the most out of the shared lessons or opportunities that are presented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Avoid a disturbing confrontation with someone in authority. Play it smart, observe the rules and follow the regulations of an organization or institution.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Travel results in a great awareness or understanding of the world. Keep an open mind as you hit the road and explore different cultures.

If your birthday is this week, life will produce signs or circumstances indicating that it is time to slow down and put on the breaks in certain areas of your life. Avoid forcing the issue or taking on more than you can handle during the coming year. Take time to reflect or perhaps rethink your motivation behind certain goals or ambitions. Educate yourself in matters that will affect your career and enjoy sharing this helpful information with others.

Also born this week: Grace Kelly, Louis Brandeis, Prince Charles, Sam Waterston, Daisy Fuentes and Owen Wilson.

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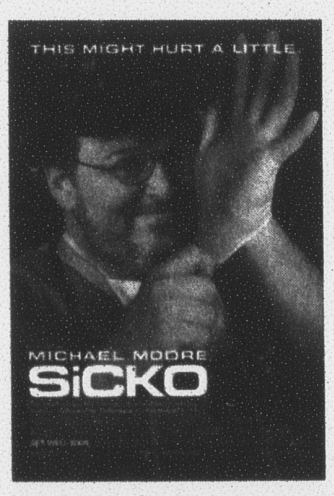
October 6 - Night Owl Bowling - $2

"Sicko"



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Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

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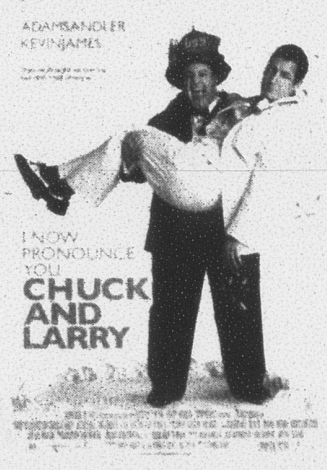
"I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"



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Upcoming Fall Entertainment:

Oct. 13 - Lynn Trefzger
Oct 26 - Ben Portz - JD Eicher
Oct. 27 - Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 9 - Brandon Hewitt-Fyrst Impressions-Valley Below
Nov. 10 - Jen Kober

Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

Party it up

All Time Low- *So Wrong, It's Right*, Hopeless Records

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Photos from absolutepunk.net

All Time Low is living its dream.

With the release of their first full-length LP entitled *So Wrong, It's Right*, the quartet from Baltimore, Md., has accomplished more in their short teenage years than some adults have.

Released just a little over a year after its debut EP *Put Up, or Shut Up* via Hopeless Records, a searing pop-punk record that boosted the band into the national spotlight, SWIR falls short of the band's potential.

However, the album does not encounter any new territory.

Opening with a very punk-influenced first track entitled "This Is How We Do," ATL lets the listener know who they are and what they are about with the catchiest song on the record: "Boys raise your glasses/Girls shake those–(Get up! Get Up!) We're the party you're the people."

The Lineup
Alex Gaskarth - Guitar/Vox
Jack Barakat - Guitar
Ryan Dawson - Drums
Zack Merrick - Bass

"Let It Roll" is another strong track complete with a catchy guitar lead line with rafter-touching vocals by lead vocalist, Alex Gaskarth.

Unfortunately, the album slumps after these first two songs. Not that the songs are bad, but they are just too much of the same. On *PUOSHU*, the band played better parts. There were better guitar melodies and better vocal melodies. The drumming was also better.

With the exclusion of "Holly (Would You Turn Me On?)" and "Remembering Sunday," which features guest vocals from Juliet Simms of the Automatic Loveletter, the middle of *SWIR* gets to be too much of the same thing. However, ATL is able to rope the listener back in with the last song, "Poppin' Champagne," a song that is bound to make the band's live set list.

Fairly, the record is actually pretty good. With the pop-punk genre completely flooded with sound-alikes and rip-offs, ATL is able to maintain some sort of identity. With several stellar songs on board, *SWIR* still has its high points. If someone were to make a playlist made completely of pop-punk bands, I would easily be able to pick All Time Low out of the mix. And upon first listen, the record actually went by fast, despite being 12 songs long. However, I would expect nothing less from producer Matt Squire (Panic! At The Disco, Boys Like Girls), who seems to produce at least one smash hit album a year.

However, catchiness is pop-punk's best friend. If you have one single that is able to make people sing at the top of their lungs, then you have made success. Compared to *Put Up or Shut Up*, All Time Low's new record slumps. However, if this record would have been the band's first release, it would have gotten a much better review.

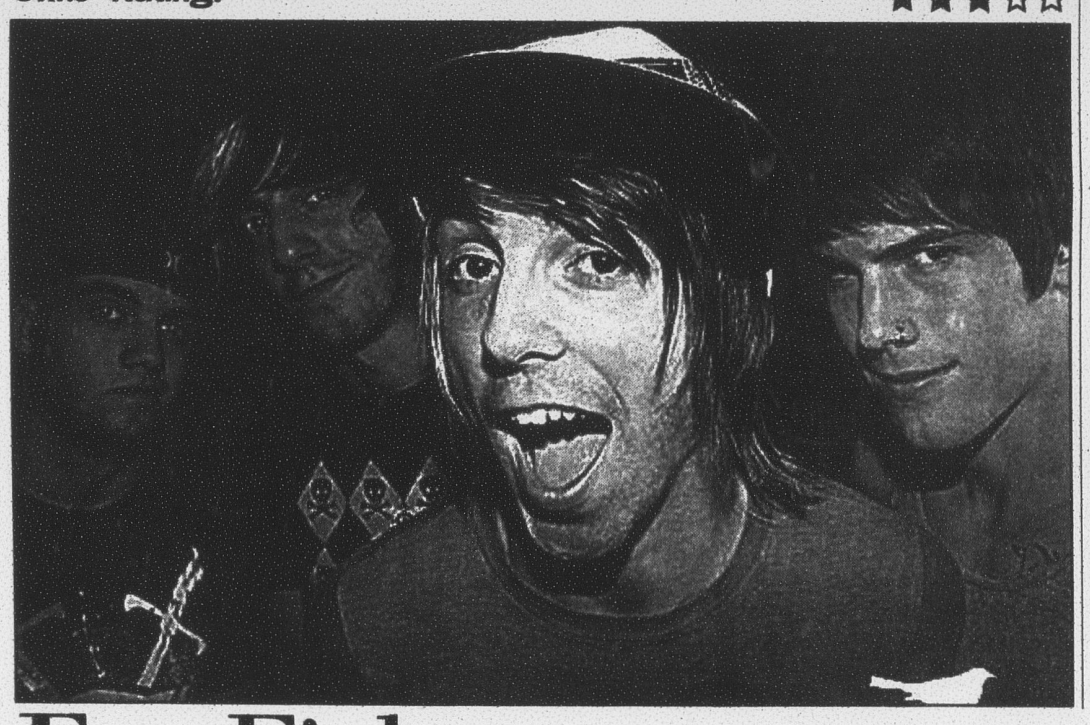
Overall, ATL does its job in fulfilling the typical pop-punk role of writing faster songs with lots of hooks, but fails in the department of adding original ideas.

However, pop-punk is not about creativity, it is about having fun, partying and living life to the fullest. Despite having a slight sophomore slump and with 80 percent of the band still under the age of 20, All Time Low has a very bright future ahead.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to LOST and the Office, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Sounds like: Cartel, The Starting Line, Fall Out Boy

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆



The Gabe Dixon band finally receives long-deserved recognition

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

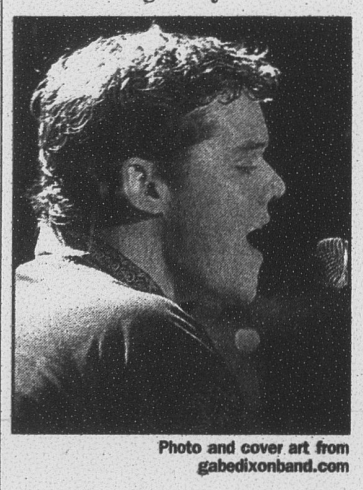
The Lineup
Gabe Dixon – Vocals, Keyboards
Winston Harrison – Bass Guitar
Jano Rix – Drums

Photo from lifeasitgoes.com

Many bands do not get the respect that they should. The respect goes to all the typical "pop" artists who do not even write their own music. What happened to the music industry from the late 1960s to the 1970s? In that period, musicians were talented and were successful in the music world solely because of that.

The Gabe Dixon Band is a group of guys, who are progressively getting the respect that they need over time. These virtuosos combine their talents to form a jazz-based sound with a strong power pop feel, driven by the keyboards and vocals of the band's namesake, Gabe Dixon.

The Gabe Dixon Band was first formed while most of the members attended the University of Miami. Once they graduated, they went to New York City and signed with Warner Bros./Reprise with legendary producer/engineer David Kahne. Kahne is best known for his work with Fishbone, Sublime and Sugar Ray.



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While working with Kahne, Paul McCartney heard Gabe Dixon's talent and was extremely impressed. Soon after that, Dixon got the break of a lifetime when McCartney asked him to play the keyboards for Paul's Driving Rain album and play in front of millions for the "Concert for New York" to raise money for 9/11. Dixon says that working with McCartney taught him a great deal.

"From a performing aspect, you learn so much just watching how they interact with the audience, while in the studio you have that very rare privilege of being one-on-one with a master," Dixon said.

Finally in 1999, The Gabe Dixon Band released their first album, entitled *More Than It Would Seem*. This record included Gabe Dixon on keyboards/vocals, Winston Harrison on bass guitar, Jano Rix on drums and Chandler Webber on saxophone.

This album got the band somewhat noticed, but it was nothing special. It was not until 2002 with the release of *On a Rolling Ball* that they were discovered.

This album could be compared to a Phish record due to the use of keyboards and Hammond organs. Throughout the record, Dixon's smooth vocals have a very sultry feel, and he makes it sound effortless.

It is obvious that all four musicians have done their studying on jazz technique because they display a great amount of it. Their improvisation skills are evident on the record, and their band chemistry seems almost as great as the legendary Dave Brubeck Quartet.

The track "Happy Woman," sounds like a cool mixture of Jimi Hendrix, Oscar Peterson and Jamie Cullum. Out of the ordinary? Yes, but The Gabe Dixon Band has found a way to do it.

The most recent and most popular album is a live EP called *Live at World Café*. The main difference between this record and their past two is that there are now only three band members.

The remaining members decided not to have a saxophone player with anymore because they wanted more of a main focus on the piano instead of anything else. With only three musicians, the band has more of an open feel to the music and allows more chances of improvisation.

The track entitled "All Will Be Well" was so well-liked that it was used in the NBC show *Conviction* during its 2006 season. Right now, The Gabe Dixon Band is touring around the nation at many universities while working on their next album.

They may not be on the top of the pop charts, but Dixon and his band definitely have the talent to take them anywhere that they want to go.

Sounds like: Jamie Cullum, Phish, Dave Brubeck Quartet

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Foo Fighters newest record not its best work

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Dave Grohl has been one of the most prominent names in the world of rock music for more than 15 years. He started as the drummer for the now legendary band Nirvana and later displayed much diversity of talent by becoming the lead singer and guitarist of the Foo Fighters.

With their newest album, *Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace*, Grohl and his band members decided to change their style. They wanted to create a record that sounded different than anything they had done in the past, but that would still appeal to long-time fans. While it is a good album, I think the band failed somewhat in this venture.

I liked many things about this album. What I liked the most was the overall sound. Most of the songs have a more classic rock sound than previous songs. Some songs even have piano parts, which add a lot of depth to the music. It seems that the band and the producer had classic rock in mind when writing and recording the songs.

Photos from google images

The songwriting on the album is spectacular. Grohl and lead guitarist Chris Shiflett play fewer heavy parts and many more melody-laden, complex chords and lead parts. The songs range from heavy rock to acoustic guitar or piano-based ballads. The vocal parts, while are still recognizable as Grohl's signature style, are more melodic and often less harsh than on previous albums.

The third track, "Erase Replace," will be the favorite of fans of the band's earlier albums. While it is more intricate, it has the feel of a typical Foo Fighters song. The song begins with a beautifully melodic lead guitar riff and builds up through the heavy verse to a simple, sing-a-long chorus.

Track nine, "The Ballad of Beaconsfield Miners," is an awkward but pleasant surprise. The song is a dueling acoustic guitar instrumental that sounds almost like a bluegrass tune. Another surprise is the closing song, which is a ballad featuring only Grohl playing piano and singing.

The album's producer, Gil Norton, also produced the band's hit album The Colour and the Shape, which reached No. 10 on the U.S. charts. The new album's production sounds very similar to Norton's other work with the band, even though the style of music differs greatly.

The Lineup:
Dave Grohl - Vocals, Guitar
Taylor Hawkins - Drums, Backing Vocals
Nate Mendel - Bass
Chris Shiflett - Lead Guitar

While I liked many things about this album, I was disappointed overall. I cannot think of a polite way to say this, so I will put it bluntly: I was bored. The majority of songs were four and a half to five minutes long, with many repetitive sections. Many songs would have benefited from being shortened slightly.

I have mentioned the wonderful songwriting, but I think the band may have been trying to be something that it is not. Earlier Foo Fighters hits have been fairly simple in structure, and that was what made them such great songs. The songs on *Echoes* will not have the mass appeal of songs from previous records for that reason.

Another problem I have is that the album lacks coherence. No two songs sound alike. This can be good if done properly, but generally a record should have some consistency from song to song to make it great. The songs jump from heavy to soft and everywhere in between, with no real connection between them.

If you have been a fan of the Foo Fighters for a long time, you may not like this album very much. Fans of classic rock will love this album because it sounds similar to albums by many classic rock artists. For those who have never listened to the Foo Fighters before, I would suggest listening to *The Colour and the Shape* or *There Is Nothing Left to Lose* before buying *Echoes*.

Sounds like: Stone Temple Pilots and Alice in Chains

Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Good Luck Chuck falls short of expectations

Chuck needs more than luck to make up for poor dialogue and worse plot as raunchiness takes center stage

The Cast:

Dane Cook ... Charlie
Jessica Alba ... Cam
Dan Fogler ... Stu
Lonny Ross ... Joe
Connor Price... Young Charlie
Troy Gentile ... Young Stu

The combination of Jessica Alba and Dane Cook in a romantic comedy sounds promising, but *Good Luck Chuck* falls short of that promise.

Raunchy comedies like *Superbad, Knocked Up* and *Wedding Crashers* had the direction and writing to remain funny, but not too crass. This movie relies too much on its raunchy-ness and not the potential of its actors to be funny.

Dane Cook plays Charlie Logan, who was hexed during a game of spin the bottle when he was 10 years old. The hex is that after sleeping with him, women find and marry their true love.

Egged on by his fat, horny, plastic surgeon friend Stu (Dan Fogler), who gives some of the few funny lines in the movie, Charlie takes advantage of his situation and gives plenty of girls a chance to benefit from his curse.

Of course, after eloping with one girl after another, Charlie finds himself unsatisfied and thinking of his dream girl, Cam (Jessica Alba), a clumsy penguin trainer who has refused him a date.

When he does get a date with Cam, they end up having sex and Charlie tries a little too frantically to hold on to her. She breaks up with him, leaving him scrambling to get her back before she marries the next guy. Let me save you $8, he gets her back and they live hornily ever after.

Photos by Moviecentre.net

I was entertained by the idea that the movie was going to be about Dane's character trying to deal with Cam's clumsiness, but it ended up being a crude sex-fest with some romance thrown in for fun.

The movie tries to be a raunchy romantic comedy, with dirty sex-centered humor, but the director, Mark Helfrich, must have thought that a lot of sex, nudity and Dan Fogler spewing dirty lines were going to compensate.

The writing, done by Josh Stohlberg, just is not good at all. "Do you like it when I eat your penguin ass?"

That line, given during a scene thrown in during the credits showing Dane Cook eating out of a stuffed penguin, gives one an idea of what the writing is like.

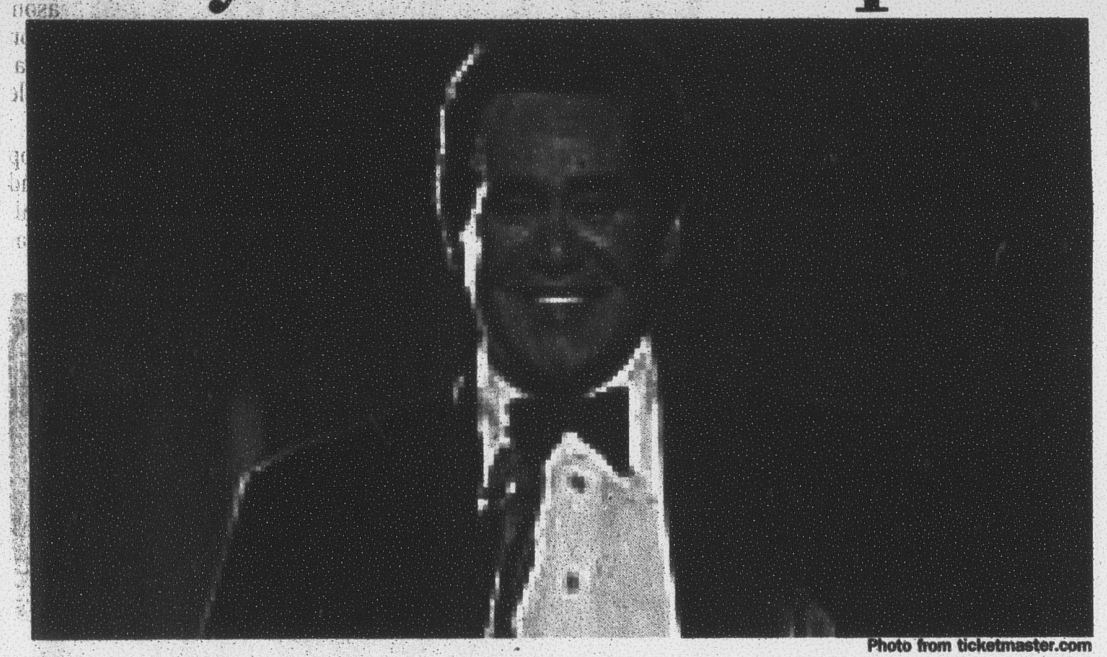
Dane Cook is not nearly as funny as he could be, and I would chalk that up to bad writing and editing. Jessica Alba does okay, but she is not on screen enough to even try and save the movie.

One of the funniest characters is Cam's stoner brother played by Lonny Ross, whose dazed look basically sums up how I felt after this movie – and he does not even have five minutes of screen time.

If the filmmakers would have trimmed the already simple plot down to Charlie chasing Cam, without showing all the sex, then maybe they would have had a decent film. All the crassness, nudity and sexist dialogue that is not even funny ruined this movie.

Erik's Rating: ★☆☆☆☆

Wayne Newton performs at Westminster



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"Mr. Las Vegas" is big hit as Celebrity Series kickoff

Westminster has put the "celebrity" back in "Celebrity Series" with its most recent guest, Wayne Newton.

"Mr. Las Vegas" danced onto the stage of Orr Auditorium to the applause of a packed house at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27. With a full orchestra behind him, Newton sang, danced and told jokes just like it was Las Vegas.

According to the program, Newton, who has released over 165 albums and has had 17 Top Ten songs, has performed live for over 40-million people, has won Nevada Magazine's "Best Entertainer" award eight times in a row and has gone on 16 international tours with the USO between 2001-2004, all of which were non-paying gigs.

Sure, Newton has a busload full of accomplishments, but when it comes down to it, Newton is able to entertain an audience with his ability to bridge the gap between the stage and the seats.

Numerous times, Newton called for audience participation, whether it was simply raising a hand if someone was in love or having the audience stand up to honor the men in women who have served our country in combat. At one point in the show, he actually walked down the stairs, walked up to a woman in the front row and dusted off her program to show that he was not there to put anyone to sleep.

"What impressed me most about his performance was his stage presence," junior Steve Burns said. "But I was also impressed with how hard he worked on stage. He's the hardest working man in showbiz."

Newton does not deny the fact that he is a hard worker. In fact, in the program Newton said, "People may leave one of my shows disliking Wayne Newton, but they'll never walk out saying, 'he didn't work hard for us.'"

Accompanied by The Mark Atkinson Orchestra, Newton not only sang, but he also played the guitar, piano, violin and mandolin. According to the program, Newton learned to play various instruments to reduce the strain on his voice. In all, he can play 13 instruments.

"He's an all-around good entertainer," senior Korey Koeppl said. "What he did on that fiddle was sweet."

Between songs, Newton turned into a comedian. He cracked jokes left and right about topics from the use of the "little blue pill," to asking the audience "Where the heck am I?"

According to the program, his ability to act has landed him spots in many movies, including *Vegas Vacation, Ocean's Eleven* and *Smokin' Aces*. Newton has also appeared several times on television shows, including "According To Jim", "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "Roseanne".

The event, which was open to the public, was sponsored by "Celebrity Series," a series run by the Membership Campaign that is funded by special contributors. Every year, the college brings in a handful of the nation's top acts to perform. Past acts have included Bob Newhart and Don Mclean.

Newton is currently a competitor on ABC's "Dancing With The Stars", which airs on Mondays at 8 p.m.

Vegas performer Wayne Newton and his "Dancing With The Stars" partner Cheryl Burke left their regards on a chalkboard after utilizing the campus dance studio.

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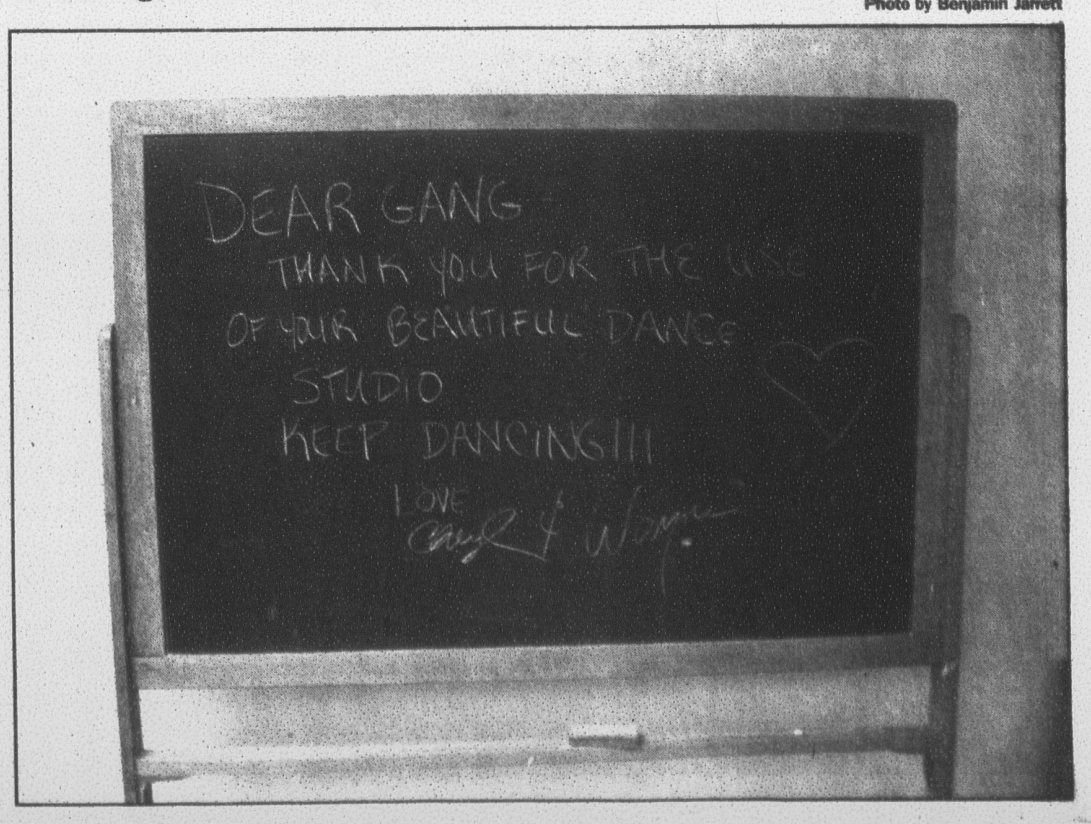

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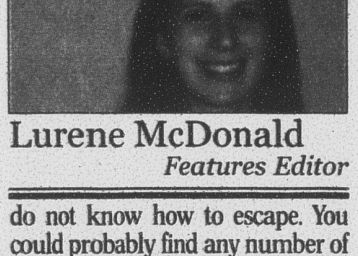

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

"Did you hear? Today that girl, you know which one – Stevie – she just started crying during class. She's such a mess. I don't even know why she tries to act like people like her."

"She should be more like Ren. Now there's someone who has her life together. I wish I could be her and just have everything in my life be perfect."

Have you heard, seen or participated in anything like this dialogue lately? I know I have.

It does not take very long for people to designate whether a person is "together" or "stable" or not.

However, how many people stop and question our perceptions of others? How put together is that "perfect" person? Why is that one girl or guy such a mess?

Instead of trying to get to the root of the problem of the people around us, we make it worse. We talk about a person behind his or her back and make sarcastic remarks about him. We never stop to think that there is something more going on than we realize.

I guarantee there are several people on this campus who come from broken homes, abusive relationships and other unpleasant situations. Maybe they are close to someone who is really sick, maybe one of their parents or friends has died, maybe they are sick themselves.

Perhaps they are in a bad situation or relationship that they just do not know how to escape. You could probably find any number of hidden scars and wounds on the campus if only you took the time to look.

Do we think this way? I would be willing to bet that the majority of us do not. We are more willing to jump to conclusions than to look past our preconceptions.

When we are young, we are supposed to have a safe, nurturing environment in which to grow. However, that does not happen for everyone, for one reason or another. People deal with it in various ways as they become adults.

They may never tell a single soul what they did or are still going through. They may share it with the world, telling any person who may care to listen. Either way, they are desperate for help, desperate for a way to fix the problems in their lives.

Some people do not have to deal with the repercussions of pain until they are older. However, it hurts just the same. They to will deal with it in their own way.

While some people may deal with this in a seemingly healthy manner, others may not. Although, this is where we must question what "healthy" really means.

Healthy does not mean keeping everything bottled up inside. Healthy does not mean acting out and making destructive decisions. However, healthy does mean expressing your emotions in a constructive manner.

Then, what are the witnesses supposed to do? They should be willing to be a helpful, listening ear. Do not try to fix everything. Do not tell them everything is all right. That is not what they want to hear.

Take to heart the lyrics of "Wonderful" by Everclear. They express the thought line of one who is going through pain and what they expect of others.

"Close my eyes when I go to bed/And I dream of angels who make me smile/I feel better when I hear them say/Everything will be wonderful someday/Promises mean everything when you're little

"And the world is so big/I just don't understand how/You can smile with all those tears in your eyes/When you tell me everything is wonderful now/Please don't tell me everything is wonderful now"

If you think someone has it all together, you are probably wrong. If you see someone who appears to be going through a difficult time, do not talk about it with everyone else, but do offer to talk to the one who is struggling, and more importantly, to listen.

Do not think it is your responsibility to mend everything in his life. You cannot change what has happened to him. Recognize that you cannot save him.

If you think he is going through more than you can handle, recommend that he speaks with a professional. We have a great counseling service available right on campus via the Health Center.

If you are the one with the problems, do not think you have to go through it alone. There are plenty of people going through difficult times.

They might not have the same experiences as you, but they will be willing to listen. Do not be afraid to rely on your friends; you call them such for a reason.

Life is difficult. It is definitely not always wonderful. However, if we are willing not to be victims of our problems, and to live for the positive moments in life, we will get through.

Perhaps one day we will be able to say everything is wonderful. Maybe it is not now, but we look to the future to change that.

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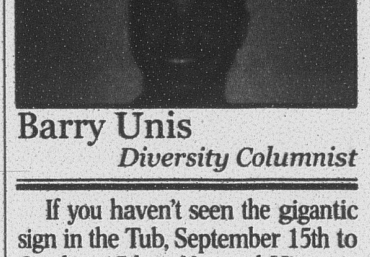
Showing some respect for Hispanic culture



Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

If you haven't seen the gigantic sign in the Tub, September 15th to October 15th is National Hispanic Heritage month. Although I have no Hispanic heritage, I love the Spanish language, and I would love to visit Spain.

I also enjoy many Hispanic foods, as evidenced by my frequenting the Mexican restaurant El Canelo.

What bothers me, though, is the lack of respect that is given to Hispanics and their culture. A number of times, I have been at El Canelo and someone orders something but obnoxiously mispronounces it on purpose. Nobody thinks it's funny except for the person who says it. Grow up. Don't do it.

Some people dislike Hispanics because of the number of illegal immigrants that enter the United States from Mexico, as well as Cuba, Puerto Rico, and other Hispanic countries.

Considering that Mock Convention is coming up, let's look at some diversity issues, specifically illegal immigration. Let's look at Democrats and Republicans. Sorry Greens, Libertarians, and others, but I only have so much space.

Democrat Joe Biden supports establishing a wall, guest-worker visas, and Social Security to illegal immigrants.

Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton supports a path to earned citizenship, and a 700-mile long fence.

Democrat John Edwards supports an increase in work visas for immigrants. He wants to expand legal immigration and help Mexico with border control.

Republican Rudy Giuliani fights for the rights of illegal immigrants including a guest worker program. Giuliani enforces a highly technological border fence.

Democratic candidate Mike Gravel supports a guest worker program and fair naturalization procedures of current illegal immigrants. Gravel does not support the widespread deportation of illegal immigrants.

Democrat Barack Obama supports a US-Mexico fence, a guest worker program, and wants an earned path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the place on campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

A fall treat: creepy Halloween crispy bars

A simple snack that can be made in the home or in the dorm room

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

As the season progressively gets colder we naturally start to crave toasty meals to satisfy our stomachs. We pull less out of the refrigerator and stick more into the oven (or microwave, as it may be). And some of us have accidents involving the dangerous, fire-breathing apparatus we happen to call a stove.

I am not without my own stove mishaps. When I was recently visiting a friend, we decided it would be a kind gesture to attempt to make lunch for ourselves and her sister. Note that I said attempt–we knew that we were barely capable of macaroni and cheese out of a box.

My friend, her sister, and I decided to make something simple: We would cook hotdogs on the stove. If you cannot cook hotdogs on the stove without causing a catastrophe, then you know you need to re-consult your home economics course notebook. Or possibly re-evaluate your decision to attend college after graduation from high school. I consider myself and my fellow hotdog-makers to be pretty competent people, though the mess that followed our cooking cast some doubt on our kitchen capabilities.

We turned the dial the stove to medium-high, and slapped a tablespoon of butter on the pan to melt (to stop the hotdogs from sticking to each other) and left the kitchen momentarily. We might have forgotten that butter melts quickly, or that we had to actually put the hotdogs into the pan to cook them. When we finally ventured back into the kitchen to continue our cooking endeavor, we saw nothing. That's usually what you see when your kitchen is full of thick, grey, smelly smoke.

If you're like me and should stay away from anything more complicated than a mini fridge and a microwave, I've got a good pre-Halloween recipe for you this week.

These crispy bars are perfect for getting your Halloween candy fix without the hassle of trick-or-treating.

Creepy Halloween Crispy Bars

Difficulty Level: Easier than wearing that embarrassing costume you picked out at Wal-Mart

Ingredients:

1 (14 oz) bag of orange and black Halloween M&M's

1 (16 oz) can of vanilla frosting

1 stick butter or margarine, divided in half

1 (16 oz) bag miniature marshmallows, divided in half

1 cup creamy peanut butter, divided in half

10 cups (or about one "family size" 17 oz box) Cocoa Crispies cereal, divided in half

You will also need two 7 x 11-inch pans or containers

Mix the vanilla frosting and the entire bag of M&M's. This will be the gooey center, so set this bowl aside for awhile. Microwave half of the stick of butter for 40 seconds (or until it is liquid).

Stir in half the bag of marshmallows and microwave them for about a minute (or until the marshmallows are softened). Stir them together until the marshmallows melt.

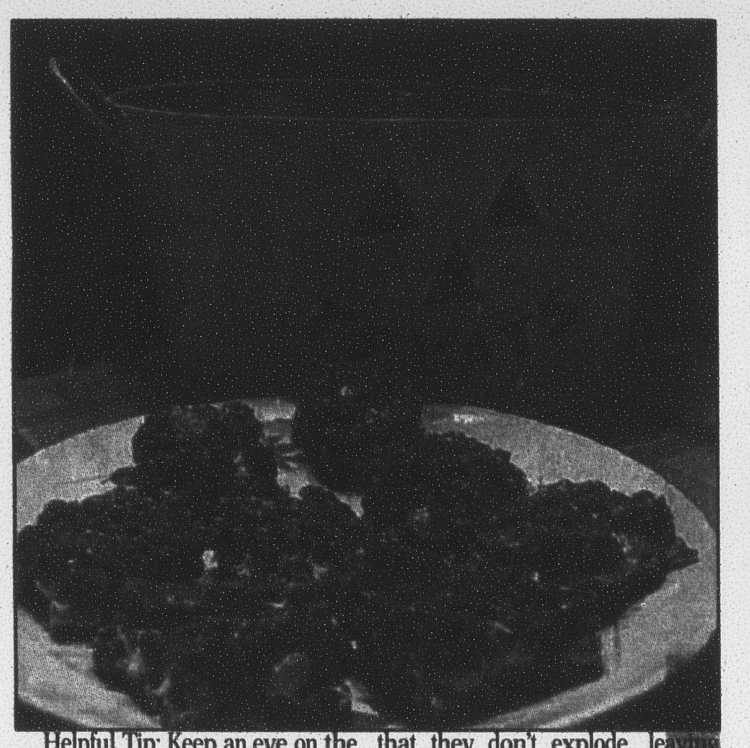
Add ½ cup peanut butter and 5 cups of the Cocoa Crispies cereal to the hot marshmallows. Continue to mix the mess together until it is blended well. Wipe some butter on your fingers to prevent the sticky mess from attaching itself to you, and press half of the cereal mixture into the bottom of a 7 x 11-inch baking dish.

Spread half of M&M frosting over this crust. Press the remaining Cocoa Crispy mixture over the frosting. If it's done right, it will be a layer of chocolate cereal mixture, icing, and more chocolate cereal. Yummy.

Make a second batch of the mixture using the half of the ingredients that remain, and repeat the recipe in another 7 x 11 dish

Cost: About $8.00

The recipe makes about 2 ½ dozen of the Halloween crispy bars, or enough for a pre-Halloween party.



Helpful Tip: Keep an eye on the marshmallows as they melt in your microwave. Not only will you leave them with a slim chance of escaping, you can also make sure that they don't explode, leaving your microwave splattered with marshmallow remains (which aren't much fun to scrape off once they've hardened).

Van Gogh, canals, and coffee shops: welcome to Amsterdam

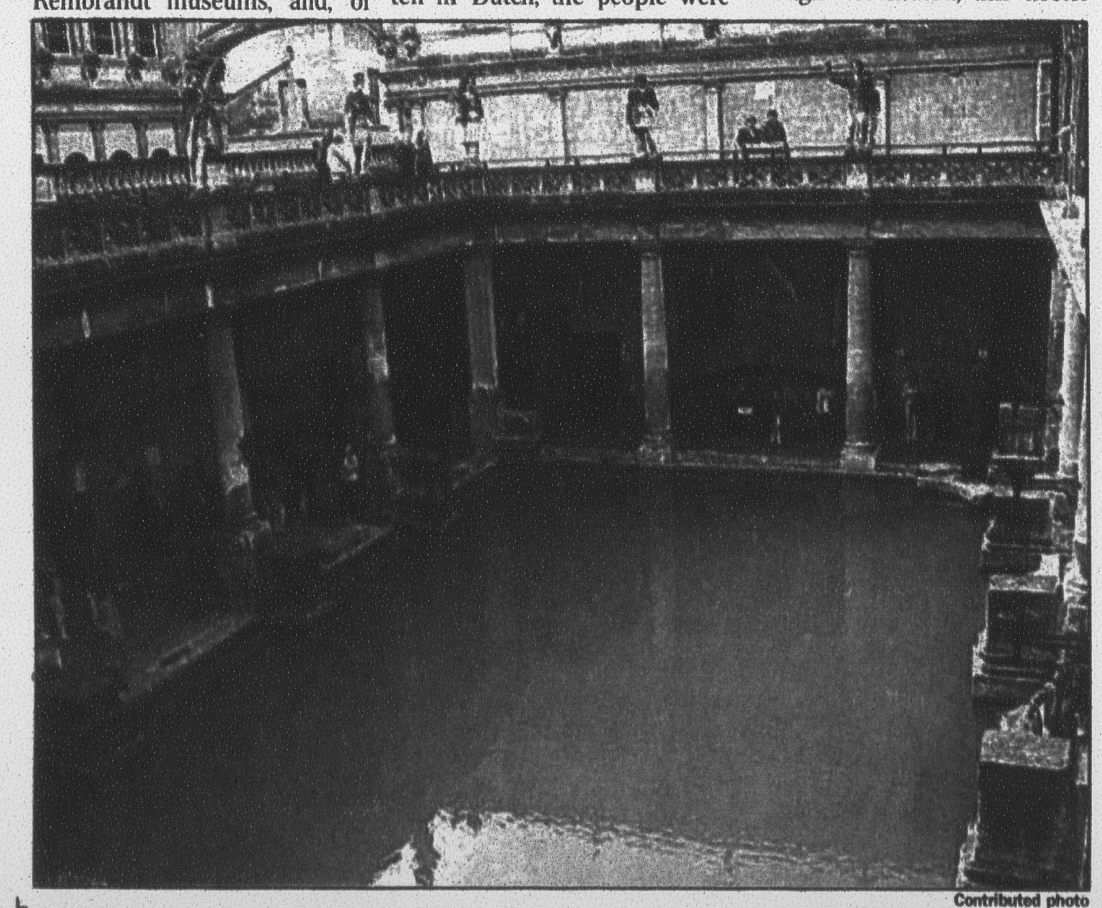
By Amanda Miller
Features Writer

The city of Amsterdam, located in the heart of the Netherlands, is everything that you would expect it to be and more: beautiful canals, Van Gogh and Rembrandt museums, and, of course, the occasional coffee shop.

Last weekend, I met up with my friend Andy, who is currently studying abroad in Germany, in this small Dutch city.

Although I got a little lost with so many of the signs written in Dutch, the people were friendly and able to give helpful advice in English, one of the country's four main languages.

Our hostel, name Lucky Lake and owned by a group of Australians, was just outside the city and consisted of mini campers and large animal statues. Although not heated, this hostel proved a fun experience and a good way to meet other travelers.



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On our first day out, we ate Dutch pancakes (which are very thin and large) and then walked for awhile around the city. We looked at the beautiful architecture, watched boats in the canals, and stopped in the stores which varied from cannabis paraphernalia to Chinese dishware.

We also went to the Van Gogh museum, which is interestingly arranged chronologically. In this way, the visitor is able to better understand the progress of the artist, from his early years to his tragic death. Paintings such as "Irises" and "Almond Blossom" can only be seen as genius and continue to draw large crowds today.

Wondering back to Rembrandt Square in the city, we found a "3-D" version of Rembrandt's The Night Watch. This consisted of life size bronze statues of the characters represented in the painting. A person can walk amongst this figures and almost feel as part of the painting.

As the night began to fall, more people kept arriving in the city. It was a Saturday night and it looked like the city really thrived after dark. Although we never actually made it to the famed Red Light District, we did make it to an equally infamous institution of Amsterdam, the coffee shop.

Our second day consisted of eating an amazing Italian pizza and a canal tour through the city. There are about 2000 registered houseboats in the canals, each as unique as the people of the city. The canal tour also took us past the house of Anne Frank, where many people still visit every day. The tour also consisted of a recorded guide, spoken in Dutch, English, German, and finally French.

Amsterdam is a wonderful small city, with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Anyone who loves art, shopping, or the occasional coffee house stop would love this city, and I highly recommend it as a weekend stop for future study abroad students.

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Amanda Miller in Amsterdam.

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Westminster recognized in guide

College ranked 15th among the nation's liberal arts colleges

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Westminster was recently ranked 15th out of 201 liberal arts colleges in the nation on the Washington Monthly's 2007 Annual College Guide.

While most guides focus on a college's selectivity or academics, the Washington Monthly rates colleges and universities based on how they affect the nation. This is the third year Washington Monthly has compiled a list of college rankings based on social mobility, research and service. Within these three categories, the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants, the difference between predicted and actual graduation rates, the number of students projected to receive a Ph.D. and the percentage of federal work study funds spent on service are also considered.

"It is an honor for Westminster College to be recognized as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country by the Washington Monthly," said Mark Meighen, senior director of advancement administration. "The ranking rewards Westminster's commitment to serving the needs of our students and our students' commitment to serving society."

According to www.washingtonmonthly.com, this guide does not stress what a college may do for the individual, but what a college may do for the country.

Westminster ranked third in social mobility based on surpassing its predicted graduation rate by 17 percent. It also ranked 20th in community service and 71st in graduates that continue on to earn a Ph.D. The Washington Monthly follows a certain methodology for ranking the colleges and universities. No single category is considered more important than any other and the final rankings depend on excellence across every category. When considering the service category, the guide's editors measure the size of each school's Army and Navy Reserve Officer training programs, the percentage of alumni serving in the Peace Corps and the percentage of federal work study grant money spent on community service. The research category is divided into the total amount of money the institution spends on research and the number of undergraduate alumni that receive a Ph.D. in any subject. Finally, the social mobility score is based on the number of students attending with Pell Grants and the difference between the predicted and actual graduation rates. Based on the above criteria, Westminster was not the only college in Pennsylvania to be included on the list.

"By receiving such a high rank, Westminster should definitely offer some worthwhile competition to other liberal arts colleges," sophomore Jessica Miklosovic said.

Other colleges in Pennsylvania that made the list are Bucknell University at 7th place, Washington and Jefferson at 55th place, Lycoming College at 58th place and Allegheny College at 94th place. While Allegheny College ranked significantly below Westminster, they exceeded Westminster's number of students continuing on to receiving a Ph.D. at 39th place. Some students think this rank may or may not help Westminster with increasing prospective students.

"I know that we have been ranked high among liberal arts schools before; however that didn't seem to help increase the attendance," junior Tara Grgurich said. "So, I think that Westminster may need to start recruiting more aggressively, especially in other areas of the United States, instead of just relying on that alone."

Psychology professor and students attend conference

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

On Sept 27-29, five students accompanied assistant psychology professor Dr. Sherri Pataki to the annual conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association in Elizabethtown.

The attending students included senior Jelena Gerga, junior Jocelyn Moelk, sophomore William McCallion, sophomore Ethan Frey, and transient Catherine Mohr.

The conference, theme "Cultural Identity in a Mass Culture World," had a series of lectures and workshops discussing issues of ethnicity; identity and gender politics; nationalism, contact, and integration between cultures; the connection with modern society; and other peace methods. Additional topics discussed included the Iraqi Refugee crisis in the Middle East, a moral universality principle, micro-credit institutions in developing countries, peace making through inter-faith dialogue, American Indian and USA relations, the Protestant-Catholic conflict, and much more.

There were also several speakers throughout the conference including people actively involved in conflict situations around the globe, researchers, educators, activists, and panelists who discussed theoretical approaches to peace solving. Pataki said that the combination of topics and speakers provided a great mixture of perspectives and interesting discussions.

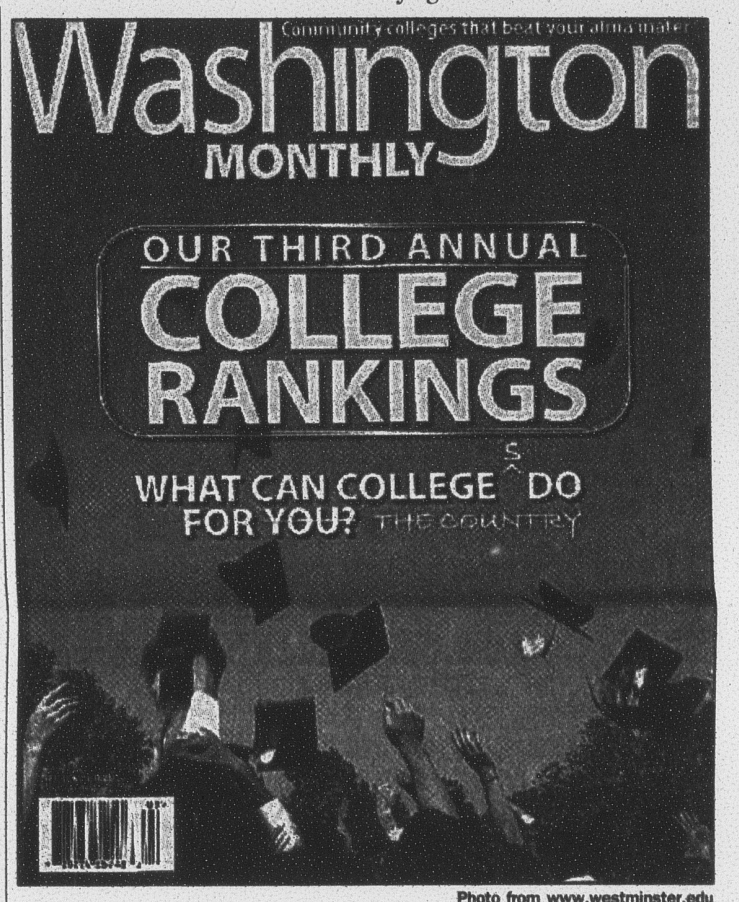
"I was inspired by the work of so many people who are dedicated to studying and teaching nonviolent conflict resolution, as well as those who are providing humanitarian aid and peace education in regions of extreme conflict and poverty throughout the world," Pataki said.

The conference opened with a story about the Nickel Mines shooting last year. At first few understood the connection of Amish forgiveness and peace making, but it was made clear when the story ended with the victims' families comforting the shooter's family. Even though the victims' families were grieving they still comforted others who were hurting as much as they were. Frey said the story was astounding.

Frey learned from his experience at the conference and was able to take away valuable concepts. He said that the conference taught him to think more critically about the resources that can be used to stop many acts occurring in today's society.

"Overall, the conference was depressing, but at the same time inspiring," Frey said. "It was encouraging to know that these people are working so diligently towards a more peaceful world. The passion that was exposed through each individual who attended was hopeful. With so much travesty, it is good to see hope. This conference informed me of many issues occurring around the world that are being neglected. I would not say that it opened my eyes to anything, but it definitely clarified many of my beliefs as to what is going on in the world."

Next year's conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, which was upsetting for this year's attendees, hoping they would receive another opportunity. However, they feel lucky that one was held in PA that they were able to attend.



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Theta Chi to hold Greek Sweep event

Fraternity to join with Greek life in giving back to New Wilmington

By Beth Gordish
Staff Writer

Typical Saturday mornings usually include most college students sleeping in, but for one weekend of the year, Greeks get up early to pick up trash.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the brothers of Theta Chi are hosting their annual Greek Sweep event in which all the Greek organizations on campus come together to clean the streets of New Wilmington.

"It's a good opportunity for the Greeks to show that we care about the town," Theta Chi brother Drew Himes said.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Theta Chi Fraternity house. Representatives from each of the sororities and fraternities will make up the participants for this event. These participants will be assigned a street and will be provided with equipment to clean. The Greek volunteers take five different routes around New Wilmington to make sure that they cover all the streets in town.

The brothers drive around to assist anyone who needs help and also to pick up the trash that the groups have gathered. The event ends at 11:30 a.m., and food is provided at the house after the event.

"There are few things on campus that get a lot of people involved and which get all Greeks working together for the same cause," said Rhiannon Mondale, Alpha Gamma Delta sister and president of the Panhellenic Council.

The brothers are not sure of the exact number of Greeks participating because people are still signing up. Most of the Greek organizations are glad to have this opportunity to show how much they care about the town. Those who have participated in the past are excited to help again.

"I did Greek Sweep last year, and I'm planning on doing it again this year," Zeta Tau Alpha sister Megan Hoffman said. "It is just a great way to give back to the community and to show that the Greeks really respect this town."

The Greek community also is pleased that this event shows that it is not stereotypical "Animal House" fraternities.

"Participating in Greek Sweep shows that we don't party all of the time and that we support the different philanthropies on and off campus," Sigma Kappa sister Jenn Byers said. "We hope by participating in events like this that we really are impacting our community."

Theta Chi is one out of the five fraternities here on campus. Greek Sweep is just one example of the many philanthropy events that will take place this year. Westminster Greeks have high hopes that hosting philanthropic events will positively impact their community and better their college experience.

Cici's for charity

Chain joins with Titan swimmers to raise money

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

CiCi's Pizza in New Castle and the college swim team are teaming up through the month of October to raise funds for alumni Rich Sentner and his family.

Sentner, who graduated from Westminster in 1991, was diagnosed with a rare form of Alzheimer's disease in 2006. This is now believed to be a form of dementia. While a student, Rich was a diver for the swim team, an officer for SGA, and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. His wife, Erinn, '91, was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Together, they have two daughters: Anna, 7, and Evan, 4.

"Since the diagnosis, he hasn't been able to work or drive," swim coach Rob Klamut said.

After the diagnosis, Rich's friends alerted Coach Klamut about the situation, hoping to get help from the swim team and the college community. Klamut then helped organized this fundraiser last October and continued it through this October, as well. Last year, the community and CiCi's Pizza raised $151.68 for the Sentner family. Klamut hopes to simply raise enough funds to help pay for Christmas gifts for Rich's young daughters.

To participate in the fundraiser, all students need to do is eat lunch or dinner at CiCi's on a Friday this month (October 12, 19, and 26) and tell the cashier that their receipt is supposed to be put towards Rich Sentner's or Westminster's Swim Team's fundraiser. At the end of the month, CiCi's will total everything, and 10% of the slips will be donated to the Sentner family.

Organizations around campus, in addition to students, are doing their part to pitch in with the benefit.

"Phi Kappa Tau plans on going as a brotherhood event, because we like to help other organizations and people," senior Barry Unis said.

Senior Kate Molinaro agrees that students should support the cause.

"I went last year, and I'm definitely going again this year," Molinaro said. "It's such a great and easy way to support the Sentner family."

Coach Klamut would like for the New Wilmington public to get involved, too.

"It can be locals, too," Klamut said. "It doesn't have to just be Westminster students. It can be anybody."

Junior Ryan Kirk adds that this fundraiser just makes sense.

"I think it's a good program because it's something that will utilize the money students are already going to spend," Kirk said.

Last September 8, Rich's friends also held a golf outing with a Chinese Auction. This event raised more than $57,000 for the family, but more funds are desperately needed.

Opinion

"You want medical care from the government? Try joining the Army!"

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The weekly glop-Maturity?

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

Everyone on this campus, and hopefully nationwide, knows that the legal drinking age is 21 years. We of course know that this means it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume a beverage that contains alcohol. Westminster has taken it upon themselves, however, to disallow consumption of alcohol of any kind on campus regardless of a student's age.

When I inquired as to why this is so, I was told that it is to help prevent underage consumption in the dorms because those of age have the beverages. I was also informed that the school does not want drinking to occur in the dorms because they would not be able to properly observe all of those who are partaking to ensure that they were doing so responsibly and maturely.

These reasons seem fair at first glance but it begs the question: wasn't the legal age set to 21 in the U.S. to help ensure that those partaking were mature enough to do so responsibly?

Of course, it is obvious that some will never be mature enough to do anything responsibly, but it was also decided that the government should not have the power to decide whether a person is mature enough or not, so the legal drinking age was instantiated. If the government cannot decide who can and cannot drink after age 21, why should Westminster have that power?

After events that took place this weekend, some Westminster students have been left asking this very question.

There were two groups of students who were hit this week for drinking in their dorms. Ironically enough, the two dorms hit were two of the townhouses.

According to the residents of one of the townhouses, they were spotted through one of their windows drinking by their RA. The RA proceeded to knock and enter the house. They were forced to dispose of the alcohol and told they were not allowed to keep even the empty bottles in their rooms.

The second townhouse hit in the same night was actually greeted by security entering from both doorways. Westminster security then confiscated and disposed of their alcohol as well. The members of the house said they were surprised at the intensity of the response.

Now, before everyone starts getting angry at residence life and security. They are not the ones who make the rules. They only enforce them, and if they do not they have a strong chance of losing their jobs.

Why is it that the residents of these townhouses should not be allowed to drink? Interestingly enough, it happens that all of the students who were busted this weekend were over 21 years of age; so, if they stepped off campus they would be allowed to drink.

Perhaps the school does not wish the students to drink on campus. This demonstrates that the students do, in fact, have to leave campus to do so. This means the students would then have to find a way home, most likely while intoxicated.

Since the happy bus is not running at all times this makes it very dangerous for some students to make it home. This is the only choice for some students, however, who choose to drink, and if they are over 21, there is no reason that they shouldn't be allowed to do so.

So why are we not allowed to drink on campus as Westminster students if we are over 21? Many schools, such as Allegheny College and Hiram College, allow drinking in the dorms. In light of this, it just seems that this is another form of control.

In fact, a concerned Westminster Student has rewritten the Alma Mater in order to reflect how the school has presented itself on this very issue:

Hail to thee Westminster/ Mein furer of all schools!/ Sons and daughters of Blue and White/ Let them take away your booze! / For fair Westminster, all knowing and true/

Let administration rule the day!/Oh please tell me what I can and cannot do/Who knows any better than they?/ Be damned the nation and the state/ By which we may imbibe!

Hail Hail to thee Westminster!/ What schemes she does contrive!

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Work to find middle ground on gay rights

By Carrie Bass
Kentucky Kernel (U. Kentucky)

Fred Thompson knows it. Rudy Giuliani knows it. You can be a Republican and not support a constitutional ban on gay marriage and gay civil unions.

Yes, that's right. Several columns have graced this very page warning students against blind acceptance of standard party lines and platforms as opposed to advocating their true political opinions.

It is time for Republicans and non-Republicans alike to step away from stereotypes and openly condemn a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

There are two general categories of Republicans: classical Republicans and religious right Republicans. Classical Republicanism is known for its preference for state powers rather than federal power.

Therefore, I have never understood why any traditional Republican would support a constitutional ban on gay marriage when marriage laws always have been the prerogative of the states. Why, I ask, give the power of decision over any issue that can be handled by the states to the federal government when one does not support a federalist approach to governance?

For those Republicans of the religious right, I at least understand, if not condone, their reasoning for supporting a constitutional ban on gay marriage and civil unions. If determination is left to the states, the problem of recognition of this legal bond from one state to another state could cause the illegality of these unions to slowly, but surely, dissolve.

Realistically, leaving this issue to the states is just another way of slowly legalizing gay marriage or civil unions across the nation. In addition, the religious right is not so much concerned with political principles as with moral control, causing a deviation from party ideology.

Yet, many folks aren't deviating from the party line. Somehow, "Republican" and "anti-gay marriage" have, unfortunately, become synonymous. This is unfair to those who continue to believe in the tenants of Republicanism.

It also is unfair to those in the GOP who recognize that there is no legal argument supporting the ban on gay marriage and civil unions. One does not have to pass moral judgment on homosexuality to support leaving the issue of gay marriage to the states or to actually support gay marriage.

One can simply recognize that basic civil liberties should be offered to everyone. For those of you out there who do not view marriage or civil unions as a "basic civil liberty," just ask yourself how you would feel if you were denied this right.

I think the other major roadblock preventing "closeted" pro-state rights Republicans from speaking out on this issue is the fear that they will agree in practice, if not in principle, with the party line of the Democrats.

Shockingly, opposing factions have been known in the past not only to agree on certain issues, but to work together for the greater good. In fact, it may be a good sign that the issues of gay marriage and civil unions have transcended party lines.

It's okay. Breathe, Republicans, breathe.

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REGIONAL

Police: Suspect followed armored car to ATM before killing guards

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ A convicted bank robber charged with killing two armored car guards had spotted the vehicle on the road and followed it to the ATM where he opened fire, a homicide detective said Saturday.

Mustafa Ali, 36, of Philadelphia, executed the two retired Philadelphia police officers without a word, police said.

"He follows the truck, he sees an opportunity and he takes it," said the detective, who worked on the case but requested anonymity because he is not authorized to comment publicly.

Commissioner Sylvester Johnson, whose department has struggled to solve murder cases amid a 'stop snitching' culture, thanked the community for stepping up in this case.

"Within an hour, we started getting information from citizens," Johnson said at a Saturday afternoon news conference. "(Ali) will never walk the streets, hopefully, again in his lifetime."

Ali, who is married and employed, previously served seven years in federal prison for armed bank robbery under the name Shawn Steele, according to federal court records and law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case.

Ali was arraigned shortly after 9 p.m. Saturday and was held without bail. He was represented by a public defender, and a preliminary hearing was set for Oct. 10.

The victims, William Widmaier, 65, and Joseph Alullo, 54, were friends from their days working together on the police force. They had both gone to work for Loomis, the armored-car company, after they retired – Widmaier in 1989 and Alullo in 2000.

Loomis does not require its guards to wear bulletproof vests, although the company said it would now review that policy. The slain men did not have them on.

The gunman shot Widmaier once in the chest and Alullo three times in the chest and abdomen, police said.

The gunman left with a bag of deposits – likely a mix of cash and checks – but police do not think there was much money in it.

Tipsters who reported information about an Acura and driver matching the surveillance images led police to an apartment complex Friday afternoon, where authorities said they found Ali preparing to leave the area.

"We want to bring peace to the streets of the city," said Jody Weis, the FBI's supervisory agent in Philadelphia. "That cannot happen without the cooperation of the citizens."

Environmentalists seek to go "green" - even in death

LYNNPORT (AP) _ A growing number of environmentalists are trying to go "green" even when it comes to death, planning for home funerals with handmade, biodegradable caskets.

Penny Rhodes, 64, of Albany Township, and her family washed and dressed her father's body after he died and then wrapped him in a family quilt in his bed.

Her brother built a coffin out of plywood, and her sister gathered colorful paints for the grandchildren to decorate the coffin with drawings and messages.

"It feels like midwifery, but at the end of life," Rhodes said.

The "green burial" movement promotes natural and ecologically friendly burial practices such as using wood and other materials that decompose with the body, nourishing the soil and surrounding plant life.

A national group that advocates such earth-friendly practices, the Green Burial Council, now attracts nearly 120,000 hits a month on its Web site.

"I think (funeral directors) recognize it's like cremation was 30 years ago: They are going to have to get involved in it or it will pass them up," Joe Sehee, the nonprofit group's founder and executive director said.

People choose green funerals for a variety of reasons, including environmental, aesthetic and financial concerns. A do-it-yourself funeral can cost less than $2,000, while traditional funerals typically cost about $6,000, according to the National Funeral Directors Association.

Others are simply nostalgic for a time when families frequently laid out the dead at home and buried them in family cemeteries.

Arian Hungaski, a 31-year-old mother of three from Lynn Township, is planning a home funeral after attending services at which she felt the deceased – after being embalmed, made up and coifed – looked anything but natural.

"It was as if they were trying to make them look alive," Hungaski said.

Anxiety rising over changes to proposed Pa. dog law regulations

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ Nearly a year ago, Gov. Ed Rendell announced a far-reaching initiative to get rid of the "puppy mills" that have given Pennsylvania a black eye among animal lovers.

Since then, the state has received applause from animal-welfare advocates and dog breeders alike. It hired a special prosecutor to represent dog wardens in court and four new kennel compliance specialists, and in May it became the first in the nation to post dog kennel inspection records online.

But officials have yet to complete the more complicated and politically thorny task of taking steps to more strictly regulate the operations of Pennsylvania's 2,600 licensed kennels. Working against an April 2009 deadline, they are in the midst of revising a first draft of new rules that all groups with a stake in the outcome have criticized.

Jessie Smith, the state's special deputy secretary for dog law enforcement, said her office hopes to have a second draft ready for public comment by the end of the year.

"Everybody cares about how dogs are cared for," Smith said of the unusually strong interest in the regulations.

Dog breeders, kennels and animal shelters are anxious to see the new draft. Many of them contend the projected cost of complying with what has been proposed so far – $5,000 to $20,000 per kennel – could put some operations out of business.

Rendell has recommend broad regulatory changes such as requiring larger cages and 20 minutes of daily exercise for dogs and forcing operators to keep records of exercise, sanitation and feeding.

Kenneth Brandt, a lobbyist for the Pennsylvania Professional Dog Breeders' Association, said the state should simply adopt standards similar to those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That would provide an effective means of enforcement without unduly burdening kennel owners who are operating legally, he said.

"We stand with the governor on closing down the unregulated, unkempt, unlicensed kennels," Brandt said. "They're a bad mark on the ones that are doing a proper job."

Animal-welfare groups say they agree the proposal needs to be refined. But they are watching to make sure that the second draft doesn't water down provisions they like, such as the cage size and exercise requirements, and bristle at suggestions that they are trying to drive kennel owners out of business.

"We're not against breeding; we just want it done responsibly," said Cori Menkin of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, based in New York City.

They are also trying to counter misperceptions that dog owners who are not subject to the current regulations – such as small hobby breeders – will need a license or have to submit to inspections under the new rules, said Bill Smith, founder and director of Main Line Animal Rescue in Chester Springs.

"We're not talking about hobbyists who have a litter of pups in their kitchen," Smith said. "We're talking about people who have 800, 900, 1,000 animals in one barn."

Jessie Smith said the new version would give licensees more options for complying with the requirement for exercising dogs and streamline proposed record keeping requirements that critics said would be too burdensome.

Finding the right compromise will take some time, and the regulatory process calls for a third draft before a final proposal is approved, Jessie Smith said.

"It's a monumental task for a small agency," she said.

Police: Woman found slain at Chester County home

NOTTINGHAM, Pa. (AP) _ State police are charging a Maryland man in the slaying of a Chester County woman who was found dead at her home. .

Police identify the victim as 51-year-old Donna Campbell of Nottingham.

They say 31-year-old David Wayne Cole of Rising Sun, Maryland, gave a statement and is now charged with criminal homicide.

Police have not issued a possible motive, but say they were called to the scene at about 2 a.m. Saturday by another resident of the house who came home and found Campbell bleeding and unresponsive.

NATIONAL

At least 5 killed in northern Wisconsin shooting rampage

CRANDON, Wis. (AP) -- A young sheriff's deputy who opened fire on a pizza party and killed six people reportedly flew into a rage when he was rebuffed by his old girlfriend, and others at the gathering called him a "worthless pig."

A longtime friend told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Monday that 20-year-old Tyler Peterson came to his door in the hours after the rampage and calmly explained what he had done.

"He wasn't running around crazy or anything. He was very, very sorry for what he did," Mike Kegley told the newspaper, adding that he gave Peterson coffee and food and later called 911.

Peterson told Kegley that he had gone to his ex-girlfriend's house early Sunday morning in hopes of patching up the relationship after a recent breakup. But, he said, Peterson lost control when the meeting ended in an argument and other people started ridiculing him as a "worthless pig."

Kegley declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press.

Police, who declined to provide details of the argument, said Peterson stormed out, retrieved an AR-15 rifle from his car outside and burst back into the house firing 30 shots that killed all but one of the people at the party.

"We had no idea, obviously, that anything like this would ever occur," Crandon Police Chief John Dennee said at a news conference Monday.

Peterson, a deputy and part-time police officer, later died after exchanging gunfire with law enforcement officers. Whether Peterson was shot by police or took his own life was unclear.

The rampage raised questions in the remote northern Wisconsin community of 2,000 about how Peterson could have met requirements to become a law enforcement officer, especially after police acknowledged Monday that Peterson received no psychological screening before he was hired.

Some questioned the wisdom of hiring someone so young.

"No person that I've ever known at 20 years old was responsible enough to be a police officer," said Steve Bocek, of Oak Creek, whose nephew Bradley Schultz was killed. "It's unbelievable. You don't have the mind to be a police officer. It takes a lot."

But Crandon city attorney Lindsay Erickson said age doesn't matter as long as officers do their jobs well.

"From what I saw of him, I didn't see any warning signs or red flags," Erickson said.

Dr. Phil Trompetter, a police psychologist in Modesto, Calif., estimated at least 80 percent of states require psychological testing of prospective officers.

"Wisconsin must be in a very small minority of states," he said.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Law Enforcement Standards Board requires only that applicants be free of any emotional or mental condition that might hinder them in their duties. It does not say how that is determined.

No formal national standards exist for hiring police, although individual states are adopting requirements such as mandatory psychological tests, said Craig Zendzian, author of several guidebooks for police applicants.

In Minnesota, for example, police officers must be licensed by the state Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training - a process that includes an evaluation by a licensed psychologist.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Amazing 10 Acre Corn Maze in Mercer County

A couple of Mercer County farmers have an amazing field of dreams for visitors this fall as they carved out a 10-acre corn maze that looks like a steam locomotive.

The Coolsprings Corn Maze at the McCullough Farm and Market in Coolsprings Township, just outside of Mercer, is drawing crowds during these fall weekends. For the past three years, brothers John and David McCullough have turned the family farm into an autumn destination complete with hayrides around the corn maze.

"I drew out the design last winter," John McCullough said. " We planted the corn in grid patter north and south and east and west. Then we cut the maze out for our steam locomotive design."

The McCulloughs dressed the farm up with a train theme this year even hauling in a restored caboose that now sits outside the maze. The Coolsprings Corn Maze is open to the public on the weekends.

Teen Rescued from Slippery Rock Gorge

A local teenager is nursing a sprained ankle after she was rescued Saturday from a fall down a steep hill in the Slippery Rock Creek Gorge on Saturday.

Several Lawrence County volunteer firefighters and rangers with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources hiked two miles down into the gorge to rescue the teen. She was with a group of friends hiking along an old fishing trail. The group crossed the creek and started up the other side when she fell about 100 feet.

State Route 208 Could See A Jump In Traffic

Residents and drivers in New Wilmington could start to see an increase in traffic with two new projects in the works. Recently licensed Valley View Downs Racetrack and Casino in Mahoning Township and the proposed tolls on Interstate 80 could send more traffic onto State Route 208.

The racetack, scheduled to open in 2009, could attrack as many as 14,000 visitors a day. Meanwhile, Governor Rendell is continuing his efforts to push legislation to turn nearby Interstate 80 into a toll road.

Lawrence County Commission President Dan Vogler tells Titan Radio News people will likely travel in from Ohio to visit both the racetrack and casino and then head to the Outlets and vice versa for people traveling in from other parts of Pennsylvania.

INTERNATIONAL

Daurfur town burned by rebels

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) _ A Darfur town under the control of Sudanese troops has been razed, the U.N. said Sunday. The destruction of the town was in apparent retaliation for a suspected rebel attack on a nearby African Union peacekeeping base.

The town of Haskanita "which is currently under the control of the government, was completely burned down, except for a few buildings," the U.N. mission to Sudan said in a statement.

The U.N. did not say who set fire to the town but said Sudanese government forces took control of the area last week after suspected Darfur rebels attacked the nearby AU base a week ago, killing 10 peacekeepers.

U.N. officials said the burning began Wednesday but observers were unable to obtain firsthand confirmation until Sunday.

"The market area had been looted," the U.N. statement said. It said most civilians fled after the Sept. 29 attack on the base but a few returned to search for food and water.

A U.N. official who had just inspected the North Darfur town said Sunday more than 15,000 civilians were fleeing the area.

Several international observers, including aid workers and U.N. officials, disputed claims by local rebel chiefs that about 100 civilians had been killed in the destruction of Haskanita.

The Sudanese military had no immediate comment on the burning of the town. The African Union said it could not comment since it had evacuated the area around Haskanita last Sunday.

At the time of the attack on the AU peacekeepers, Sudanese forces were launching raids against rebel groups in the region.

Some rebels have said the attack on the AU peacekeepers may have happened because some rebel groups suspected the AU of collaboration with Sudanese forces, something the AU sharply denies.

Government forces and its allied janjaweed militia of Arab nomads have been accused of burning ethnic African villages as part of their counterinsurgency campaign against rebels.

Typhoon tears through Taiwan, kills two

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) _ A typhoon lashed Taiwan Saturday with intense winds and rains, killing four people and cutting power to thousands of homes. But the storm weakened as it moved Sunday toward mainland China, where authorities ordered more than 1 million people to safer ground.

Typhoon Krosa was forecast to strike China's southern Zhejiang and northern Fujian provinces late Sunday, China's national flood control office said in a notice on its Web site.

On Sunday morning, the typhoon was centered at sea about 80 miles northwest of Keelung on the northern tip of Taiwan. It weakened to a tropical storm with sustained winds of 66 mph, down from 114 mph, the Central Weather Bureau said.

Two men were killed in a Taipei suburb Saturday when their house was buried by a landslide, the Disaster Relief Center said. Another man died after falling from his balcony during the storm in northern Hsinchu, and a woman was electrocuted after falling from her motorcycle in Tainan.

Two men were missing, including one who was buried in debris after a hostel was hit by a landslide in Hsinchu.

At its peak, Krosa caused a massive power cut blacking out some 2 million homes in Taiwan. But electricity has since been restored.

The Central Weather Bureau said Krosa could continue to dump heavy rains across Taiwan on Sunday as it moved toward eastern China.

On mainland China, more than 1 million people from low-lying coastal areas, including more than 500,000 tourists were evacuated.

Early Sunday, China's coast guard rescued 27 sailors from a Hong Kong freighter that suffered mechanical failure after it was hit by Krosa off the southeastern port of Wenzhou in Zhejiang, Xinhua reported.

In Vietnam, the death toll from Typhoon Lekima – which hit the country's central coast late Wednesday – rose to 46, with another 29 people missing, officials said Sunday.

Lekima, named after a local fruit, also damaged about 77,000 homes, the government said.

Campus News

Edmiston labyrinth: a memorial and an oasis

Explore the field station and memorial labyrinth dedicated to Sandy Edmiston

Photo by Kirsten Dize

The college dedicated a memorial labyrinth to Sandy Edmiston, a 2005 graduate who was very involved on campus.

By Elise McColloh
Staff Writer

One year ago, the college dedicated the labyrinth located at the Field Station. The labyrinth is a memorial for Sandy Edmiston, a 2005 graduate.

Edmiston was an integral part of the New Wilmington and campus communities. She left an impact on every person she met.

Beth Brooks, the executive secretary of Student Affairs, believes that Edmiston "exemplified joy" and gave everyone "morals to live by."

While at the college, she was an English major and studied abroad in Prince Edward Island during a semester of her junior year. She also delivered the student commencement address. Among other things, she wrote for the Holcad, interned at The Globe Leader, was a founding member of Sierra Student Coalition and ran for the women's cross country team during her senior year.

Deeply committed to the environment, she took a summer internship at the Murie Center in Teton National Park following graduation. Upon completing the internship, she would have entered into a two-year commitment with the Peace Corps. Sadly, on Aug. 1, 2005, the world lost a great person when Edmiston died during an ill-fated rock climbing excursion in Jackson, Wyo.

Many people asked her parents, John and Kati Edmiston, where they could make a memorial contribution in Sandy's name. The Edmiston's suggested the Field Station because Sandy had a strong connection to it.

"Our thought was that the money would be used to buy equipment, supplies or whatever else was needed to continue the work and mission of the Field Station and, in a small way, Sandy could continue to be a part of that effort that was so important to her," Kati Edmiston said.

The following spring, community and campus members set forth to create something to memorialize her life. The committee included Beth Brooks, Peggy Cox, Patty Hammer, Dr. Clarence Harms, Hollyann Leech, Samantha Leipheimer, Dr. David Swerdlow and Dr. Ann Throckmorotn as well as other people who are no longer at Westminster.

They eventually came up with the idea of a labyrinth, which has many different meanings. According to Harms, director of the Field Station and professor emeritus of biology, people consider labyrinths to be works of art, religious symbolism or memorials, as well as other things: it is open to interpretation.

Mary Burris, a student at Chatham College in Pittsburgh and a landscape architect from nearby New Castle, was in need of a thesis project. She was selected to design the labyrinth.

The physical construction of the labyrinth took place on July 15, 2006. About 50 people whose life Edmiston touched gathered together.

Harms added those gathered were a great mixture of people, fitting to who she was.

Brooks called the construction "community healing" as everyone worked together through their grief.

Dedication of the Sandy Edmiston Memorial Labyrinth took place during Homecoming Weekend 2006.

The labyrinth is located at the Field Station, one mile east of campus at 937 Fayette-New Wilmington Road. In order to drive to the Field Station and labyrinth, travel east on Route 208 and turn on to Fayette-New Wilmington Road. It is about one-half mile down the road. If people want to walk to the labyrinth, they should follow the gravel path that begins just beyond the lake. Follow the trail (signs for Frey Nature Trail).

Plans are in place to add signs near the field house directing people to the labyrinth.

Many students might not know the location of the labyrinth or even its existence. Beth Brooks encourages students to journey out to the labyrinth and walk it either alone or with someone else. She called the walk "contemplative and soothing."

Harms agrees and encourages students to "give it a try."

The labyrinth is always open to anyone who wants to spend contemplative time at the memorial. Groups and individuals are free to "make it what he or she wants it to be," Harms said.

Sierra Student Coalition held a community volunteer day on Sept. 30. The 20 people who attended helped plant and weed the labyrinth garden; they also assisted with composting shredded paper at the Field Station. SSC plans for the community volunteer day to be an annual event during Homecoming weekend.

BSU to hold second annual Pajama Jam

By Joie Faust
Campus Writer

The Black Student Union is hosting its second annual Pajama Jam, which will be filled with friends, music and food.

On Friday, Oct. 12, the BSU will sponsor The Pajama Jam from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Berlin Lounge. Admission is free. The night will be filled with lots of dancing, music, fun and refreshments. DJ Ducky, student Angela Duckett, will be playing her own music, along with any music that the students wish to bring. The event is open to all students and their friends. However, each student is responsible for their off campus guests.

"The purpose of this party is to bring together students for a fun time of dancing and camaraderie," junior BSU member Reesha Jackson said.

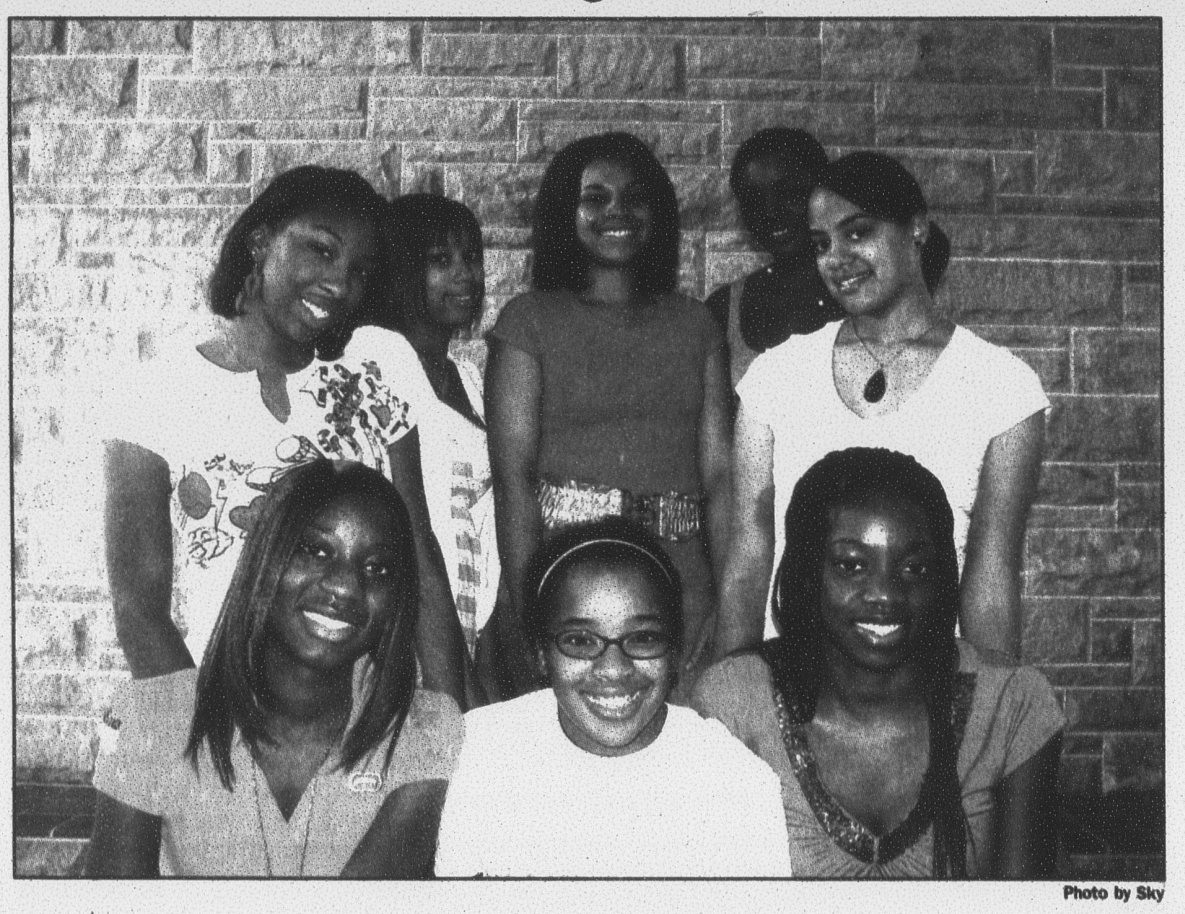
Donations will be collected at the event to support the Christmas Adopt-a-Family service project. This is a project to help the group homes of Big Brother Big Sister in Lawrence County to purchase gifts around the Christmas season for its families.

Included in the night's events will be a contest between each fraternity and sorority, and any other organization that wishes to participate. The organization that has the greatest number of people at the event will win a prize. Last year, Zeta Tau Alpha won a pizza party provided by the BSU.

"I am extremely pumped about the Pajama Jam this year. Last year was great, but I am sure this year will be an even bigger blast, because a lot of people said they were going to return for more fun as well as for the new faces. As long as I see people smiling and laughing at the Pajama Jam, then I would consider the event a success," junior member Darnelle Clark said.

The BSU has many other events planned for this school year. In November, they will host a talent show in which the winner will receive a cash prize and the opportunity to sing at the BSU fashion show in the spring. Another fundraiser for the Big Brother Big Sister program will take place in December to cover any other costs that were not met by the Pajama Jam. During February, the BSU will present multiple speakers and events to support Black History Month. Plans are also in the works for a Sweetheart's dance around Valentine's Day. To finish off its busy year, the BSU will hold the second annual fashion show in April.

BSU invites all students to grab their pj's, grab some good friends and dance the night away. Any questions or concerns about the event or donations can be directed to Akesha Joseph, president of BSU.



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YMCA to host "Step into Africa"

By Stefan Schneider
Staff Writer

The African AIDS pandemic will come alive to some local residents, thanks to World Vision.

The Grove City YMCA will host "Step Into Africa," World Vision's interactive walk through experience. The tickets are free, and the event is open to the public. It will be held Friday, Oct. 12 through Monday, Oct. 15. Thirty tickets have already been reserved by Westminster's Office of the Chaplain and Church relations.

"Our group will go on Monday the fifteenth, between five and eight in the evening," Reverend Jim Mohr said. "Most of the tickets have been taken, but anyone who is still interested can be put on a wait list."

Anyone wishing to join their group should contact the Chapel Office as soon as possible. Others can go to www.worldvisionexperience.org to reserve the tickets, which are free through that venue as well.

The experience itself is an audio tour that follows stories all too typical for AIDS-ravaged Africa, primarily those involving young children. The audio tour guides the individual through various exhibits depicting photographs of particular stories. There are also more interactive exhibits where the tourist plays the part of the child and acts out a tragic experience, such as an actual AIDS diagnosis.

According to World Vision, "It is important to us that the Step Into Africa exhibit invites us to more than simply an emotional experience, but rather toward genuine engagement."

To that end, participants will be given the opportunity to actively involve themselves in the relief efforts following the tour. These include letters that can be written to people suffering over in Africa, a store where proceeds are matched by a U.S. government grant for relief efforts, child sponsorships, educational and community projects and kits that are provided to volunteers to ensure their safety in the field.

World Vision provides these and more for participants to try to make a difference. It is a Christian-based organization that primarily works for the betterment of children's lives, and as such, their families and communities as well. It was founded by Dr. Bob Pierce in 1950 in order to help orphans as a result of the Korean War. World Vision provides relief both during emergencies and over the course of long-term community developments.

World Vision's work in the war against AIDS began in 1990, and has since expanded from Rakai, Uganda to more than 60 other countries.

As far as funding goes, World Vision relies on private individuals, corporations, churches and other organizations to make donations. All of this generates about 70 percent of their funds, while the remainder is provided by grants from the U.S. government. The fiscal year of 2005 saw 87 percent of World Vision donations going toward aiding existing programs, along with the necessary planning and preparation for programs in the future.

There are ways to help without going through World Vision as well. Reverend Noyes, Associate Pastor of East Main Presbyterian Church in Grove City makes a suggestion.

"Consider taking a special collection for an existing mission partnership related to ministry in Africa," Noyes said. "As you can see, there are numerous ways to become involved."

Taking part in Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe

By Sarah Geist
Campus Writer

The majority of people are unaware of what happens to their old smelly sneakers after they are thrown away, but Circle K is on a mission to recycle those old sneakers.

Since February 2005, Circle K and the local Kiwanis Club have participated in Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program. Landfills worldwide are filling up with trash that will never disintegrate. In response, Nike developed a program to eliminate the waste in landfills by recycling old tennis shoes into sport and playground surfaces. Circle K members, advisor and field director Dr. Clarence Harms and president Suzanne McGuire participate in the Reuse-A-Shoe program by placing bins throughout campus for the collection of old tennis shoes.

"The Reuse-A-Shoe program creates public awareness that many of the things we tend to throw away can have a second life," Dr. Harms said.

Circle K members collect the shoes periodically and transfer them to the Field Station where all metal is removed with sharp knives and blades to prepare for separation. While working on the shoes at the field house biology lab, the Circle K members enjoy refreshments. The shoes are placed twenty to a bag and taken to the Nike outlet store in Grove City. From there, the shoes are shipped to Portland, Oregon, where they are separated into their most useful materials: rubber from the outside, foam from the sole and fabric from the upper. The rubber, denoted as "Nike Grind Rubber," is used for baseball and soccer fields. The foam, "Nike Grind Foam," becomes synthetic basketball courts, tennis courts and playground surfacing. And the fabric, "Nike Grind Upper Fabric," is recycled into padding placed under basketball floors.

"It's easy for us, but it does a lot of good in the long run," McGuire said.

During the process of taking metal out, Dr. Harm's wife cleans salvageable shoes worth selling and delivers them to thrift stores. Over the summer, 4,000 shoes were collected and the metal was taken out on Thursday, Oct. 4 by the members of Circle K.

Nike started the program in 1993 by partnering with the National Recycling Coalition. The National Recycling Coalition is mainly responsible for the collections, and Nike focuses on the building of the recycled surfaces .The Reuse-A-Shoe program has recycled more than 20 million pairs of shoes and aims to recycle 125,000 pairs of shoes each year. Since 1993, Nike has donated 170 sport and playground surfaces across the globe. The products aid children worldwide through sport and playground surfaces. The program is a good public relations tactic for Nike and is tax free for being a charitable cause.

"The Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program is a great way to recycle your old tennis shoes and put them towards a good purpose, providing safe surfaces for children all over the world," vice president of Circle K Natasha Kissim said.

Circle K members look forward to this program yearly and urge students to recycle their old tennis shoes. Bins are placed in Browne, Ferguson, Shaw, Russell, Marge Walker Center, the Field house and the Info Desk at McKelvey to collect old tennis shoes. The bins will be up until the end of the school year collecting any shoe with a sole, so no high heels or flip flops. Circle K also does multiple community service projects and participates with the local Kiwanis club. Circle K meets every other Thursday at 8 p.m.

Sports

Titan soccer picks up two PAC wins, moves record to 2-0

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

After a few tough weeks, the Titans came into this past week with only one loss and two shutouts. With the two wins being in the PAC, the Titans' record in the conference is now 2-0 with an overall record of 6-5-2.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the Titans traveled to Beaver Falls for a game against Geneva. Both teams battled it out for the majority of the game, keeping it tied with no score until the second half. Unfortunately, Geneva was able to put away the game- winning goal with two minutes remaining.

Although Geneva was able to claim the victory, the Titans outshot the Golden Tornadoes 9-7.

"We outplayed them the whole game," junior Justin Rivas said. "To lose the game was very disappointing."

With this heartbreaking loss, the Titans knew that they would have to give it their all for the rest of the week. And they certainly did just that as they took on Thiel on Thursday, Oct. 4, in their first official PAC game of the season.

The Titans came out hard with senior forward Andrew Saporito scoring a goal in the 28th minute off of an assist from senior midfielder Garrett Horvath. Horvath went on to score two goals in the 57th and 68th minutes. The remaining goal was scored by freshman midfielder Shawn Flowers off an assist by his older brother Justin Flowers.

The Titans were able to claim the victory with a final score of 4-0. Both freshman goalkeepers Mike Codita and Lance Leathers were able to take part in the victory. The Titans out-shot Thiel 28-3.

"We came out a little slow, but picked it up to get the 'W'," Flowers said.

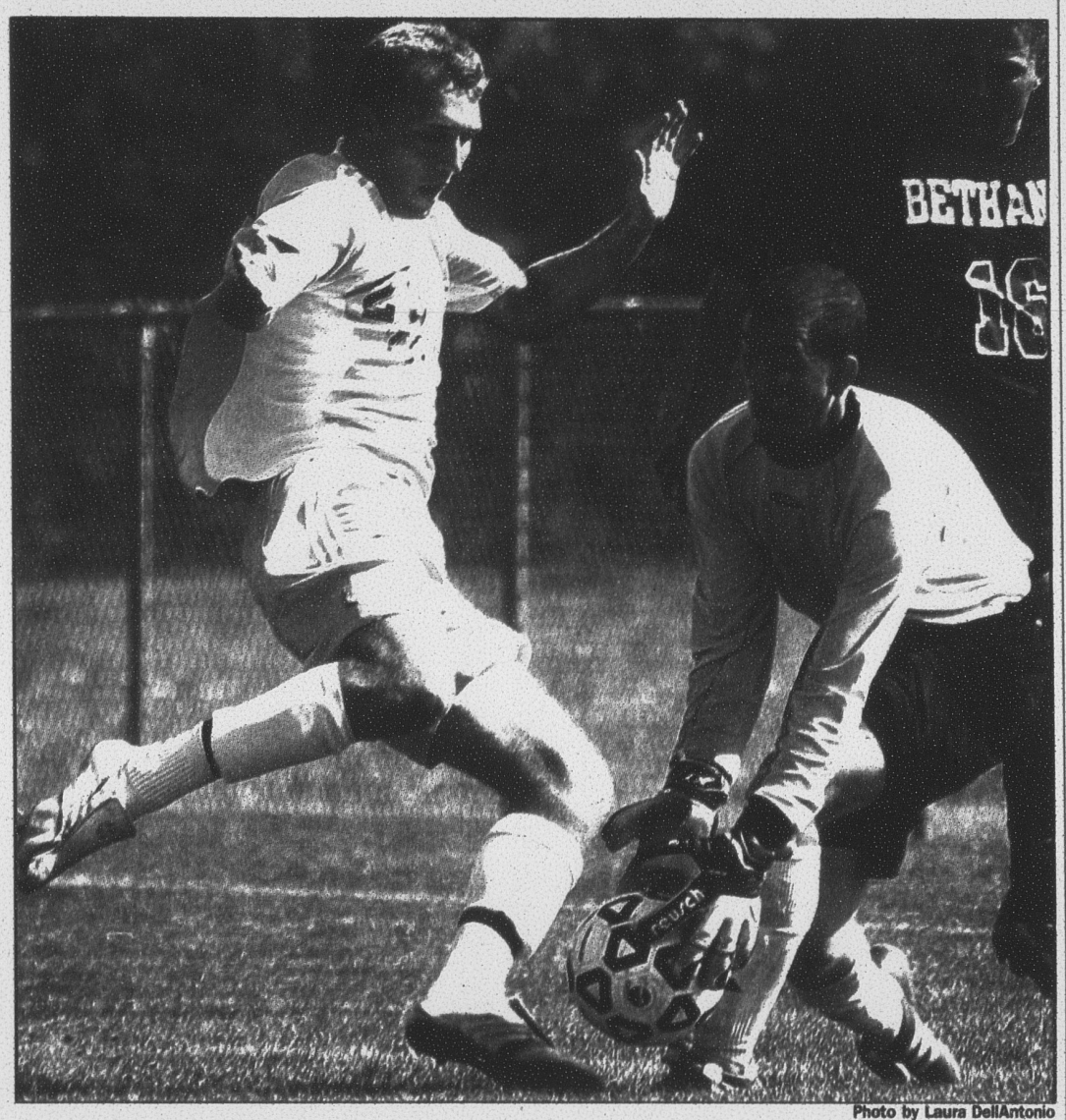


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Rushing the net

Forward Jerrod Rebich tries to beat the Bethany goalie during the victorious game on Sat.

Claiming this victory didn't slow the Titans down, however. The Titans were back in action on Saturday, Oct. 6, to meet up against Bethany for the second PAC game of the season. The Titans came out with intensity yet again to defeat their opponent with a score of 4-0.

Justin Flowers scored the opening goal in the 30th minute off an assist by sophomore forward Ian Hill. Nine minutes later, Hill was able to put one away for the Titans. The Titans continued to battle until sophomore forward Brice Lott netted the two remaining goals for the Titans in the second half.

"This game was probably our best team performance of the year," Saporito said. "We were very composed and moved the ball very well while we also finished our scoring chances."

The Titans plan to continue playing hard for the remainder of the season and will have the chance to do so on Wednesday, Oct. 10, as they take on Washington and Jefferson for another PAC match-up.

Volleyball reaps revenge over Thomas More, wins two PAC matches at Chatham

By Tom Campana
Sports Writer

The women's volleyball team hosted undefeated Thomas More this past Friday in a rematch for first place in the PAC. The lady Titans failed to beat Thomas More in the previous week as the Titans were given their first PAC loss, but this week would be different.

The lady Titans volleyball team ended Thomas More's 11match win streak with a 3-1 win in PAC play. The lady Titans won 30-26, 30-24, 25-30 and 30-19, which was a huge turn around from last weeks 5 game loss. Senior middle hitter Jess Cooper led the Titans with 20 kills, as sophomore Sam Botzum tallied 18 kills to the lady Titan victory.

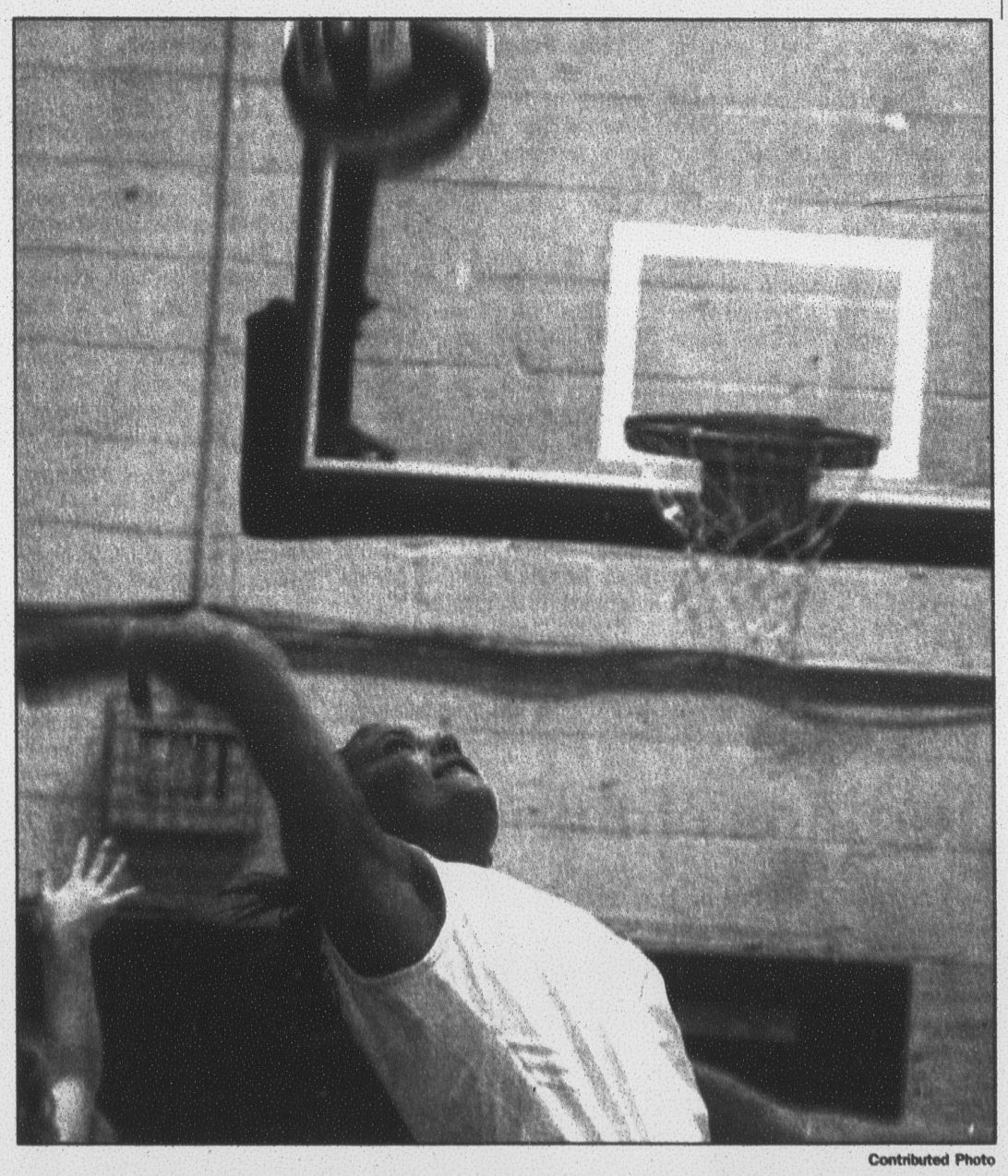
"I knew we had it in us and no one was going to deny us a victory, we played the best volleyball we have all season and it's paying off," senior Danielle Houge said.

Other notable performances were junior Traci Hassell with a season high 51 assist and sophomore Beth Copp added 11 kills and 17 digs.

"We are starting to play more as a team and our practice is transferring over to our match play," sophomore Devin Kelley said.

The lady Titans traveled to Chatham College this past Saturday in a triangular style match between the Cougars of Chatham and the Tomcats of Thiel.

After a PAC win Friday against unbeaten Thomas More, the lady Titans were in search of building their first place lead Saturday at Chatham. The Titans rolled through both teams in a clean sweep of 3-0, 3-0. The lady Titans are now 6-1 in the PAC and 11-11 on the season.



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Sophomore Beth Copp spikes the ball during the Titans 3-1 win over Thomas More Oct 5.

"We just came out and played our style, our teams clicking and I'm so proud of all the girls for not giving up," senior Jenna Hinks said.

Freshman outside hitter Becca Michalski led the Titans with a career-high 13 kills against Chatham, while junior libero Kylene Hoch added 11 digs.

Sophmore Corrie Gasser had 7 service aces and senior middle hitter Jess Cooper added 15 kills versus Theil.

"I think these two conference wins will help us in our confidence and continue to make us play as a team," Gasser said.

The lady Titans will host Bethany October 10th at 7 p.m.

Falling for fall

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Fall is finally here and again I am falling for the marvel of the sports world. Playoff baseball, NASCAR's chase, Penguins Hockey, college football upsets, and another awesome weekend in the NFL play a major role in my falling for fall.

With all of the excitement coming from every one of these sports, I would be remiss to only write about one. I'll start with what was undoubtedly the most exciting sports spectacle, the Dallas Cowboys victory over the Buffalo Bills. After throwing five interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns, Tony found his "Ro-Momentum" and led Dallas to what would have been a game tying touchdown had the two point conversion attempt been successful.

With 20 seconds in the game, Dallas recovered the ensuing onside kick and drove the ball to set rookie kicker Nick Folk up for a 53 yard field goal attempt. Because of the Mike Shanahan patented timeout, Folk's first kick sailed through the uprights with no avail. Folk again lined up for a second attempt and again split the uprights. This game truly embodied the excitement that is the National Football League.

Speaking of excitement, how about the unparalleled amount of upsets in college football this year? As USC was about to be beaten by unranked Stanford, I began to look for signs of the Apocalypse. Now, LSU is the clear number one team in the country. Do not worry Buckeye nation, it is only a matter of time before the greatly overrated Golden Bears lose and the Buckeyes climb into the number two spot.

Although it is only fall, the freeze is on for the coolest sport on the planet. That's right, hockey is back and the Penguins are sizzling. As expected, Sidney Crosby is playing on pace with the NHL's elite. Not only is Sid the Kid off to a fast start, new addition Petr Sykora looks as if he has found a home in Pittsburgh.

With the addition of Sykora, the Pens now have the perfect blend of youth and experience. For the youth of Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, and Jordan Staal on the offense, there is Mark Recchi, Gary Roberts, and now Sykora. The Penguins' blue line also has a nice blend of youth and experience with the daunting duo of Sergei Gonchar and Ryan Whitney.

The question remains the same as Pens' fans search for the answer. Can Marc-Andre Fleury ever be a premiere goaltender? It did not look that way last year and this year appears to be more of same. Imagine how dominant the Pens could be with a stopper like Martin Brodeur or Roberto Luongo between the pipes.

As for Nascar, the Hendrick boys, Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, had another finish ahead of the rest of the pack. Looks like Hendrick is a lock for another NASCAR championship.

The opening playoff series in baseball amplified my point from last week. The American League was indeed predictable with me going 2-0 in my predictions. On the other hand, the National League defied rationale or reason as I went 0-2. In the ALCS, the Wahoo Crew will defy the evil empire imitators. The Indians will battle through a tough series, but will represent the American League in the World Series. In the National League, I might as well flip a coin. Because Todd Helton deserves a trip to the World Series, the Rockies will play for him and will beat the Arizona Diamondbacks, who have somehow found a way to make the playoffs and win a playoff series.

Fall has finally arrived and Sports Nation has furiously fallen to the season that is truly the pinnacle of sports.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Multiple mistakes cost Titan football

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

After a great showing at homecoming the Titans traveled to face Thomas More.

Going into the game the Titans were 3-1 and 1-0 in the PAC Thomas More was 2-2 and 1-2 in the PAC. The Titans went into the game after beating a Grove City team that had beaten Thomas More earlier in the season. But that's why they play the game.

The Titans offense came out and played mediocre football to say the least. They never made it to the end zone in the first half and the starting tail back Nick McKlosky could muster just 3 yards in the first two quarters.

Westminster failed to convert on its first four third downs and sophomore quarterback Kevin Franz threw an interception on the team's fifth drive at the Thomas More 20-yard line with the Titans trailing 7-0.

Possibly the most painful statistic of the game however was that the Titans D which had been playing very well got shredded through the air by a freshmen quarterback. Joey Zerhusen of Thomas More amassed 184 yards and 2 touchdowns passing to go with 32 yards rushing and 1 touchdown.

The offenses were very comparable by the end of the game. Proving that this loss came down to mistakes.

"There were too many mistakes and you can't beat anybody when you are making mistakes," senior center Bryan Borkovich said.

Other than the crucial turnovers McKlosky ended the game with 76 yards on the ground just as many as Thomas More's leading rusher and between Kevin Franz and Brett Myers the Titans passed for 180 yards only 4 shy of their opposition.

The only noticeable offensive gaps are receiving, scoring, and first downs. Jason Discello was the Titans leading receiver with 30 yards however he came up 62 yards and 1 touchdown short of Thomas More's John Resch. The Titans also had 5 less first downs than the Saints who won the battle 13-18 in first downs.

Thomas More also played solidly on defense forcing 2 interceptions and a fumble. Thomas More also had 4 sacks and 9 players with over 5 tackles. Westminster also had some good defensive statistics including freshmen linebacker Adam Falkowski who had 11 tackles and Andrew Robison who had 10 tackles including 3 sacks on the day.

The Titans gave it all that they had but came up short in a losing effort as Thomas More ran away with it 34-7. Senior reserve Brett Myers connected on a touchdown pass in the 4th quarter to fullback Jacob Shaffer to avoid the shut out.

The Titans go back to work on October 13th at home against conference rivals Washington and Jefferson. Kick off will be at Burry Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

Sports

Women's tennis splits with loss to Allegheny, victory over Chatham

Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team lost a non-conference match at home vs. Allegheny, 7-2, on Wednesday, October 3. The Titans fell to 8-5 on the season.

In singles competition at No. 1, sophomore April Scudere was defeated, 6-3 and 6-1, while senior Dana Larson defeated Kristyn Paone at No. 2 singles, 2-6, 7-5 and 10-8. Sophomore Hilary Newman defeated Jackie Conrad at No. 3 singles, while teammate senior Christina Commisso was defeated at No. 4 singles. Both freshman Rachel Jack and junior Beth Erwin was defeated at No. 5 and 6 singles.

In doubles competition all Lady Titans teams were defeated.

The women's tennis team won at Chatham, 9-0, in PAC action. The Titans improve to 9-5 on the season and 5-1 in the PAC.

In singles competition Scudere defeated Barbara Petty at No. 1 and at No. 2 singles, Larson defeated Chatham. At No. 3 singles, Newman won 6-2 and 6-3, while teammate Commisso 6-0 and 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Both Jack and freshman Natalie Hruska conquered Chatham at No. 5 and 6 singles.

According to junior tennis team memeber Gwen Gorski, the talents of freshman team members combined with experience of the veterans has keyed their success.

"The new girls on the team this year have been an amazing asset and combined with the girls we already had, the dynamics of our team are unbeatable," Gorski said.

In doubles competition Larson and Commisso won 8-6 at No.1, while at No. 2 doubles team Scudere and Newman won 8-2. At No. 3 doubles, Lady Titans seniors Trista Houck and Anna Will won 8-2.

According to Gorksi, the team chemistry from the beginning of the season has also greatly contributed to their winning 8-5 record.

"This season has been a great one.," Gorski said. We all showed up to camp in August ready to work and it has payed off," Gorski said.

Next, the Lady Titans will host Geneva on Wednesday, October 10, for a 4 p.m. start.

"...the dynamics of our team are unbeatable."

Lady Titan defense key to shut-outs

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team shut out Geneva and Thiel last week, bringing their overall record to 8-2-2.

The Titans traveled to Geneva where they defeated the Golden Tornadoes 6-0 in non-conference play.

Junior Christina Adams scored a hat trick with three goals on seven shots. Senior Mandy Bearrow assisted Adams on the third and final goal of the game.

"After scoring the hat trick, I felt like our team was really starting to come together," Adams said. "It was a team effort and I think it helped boost the team's morale."

Three more Lady Titans scored during the game, including senior Mallory Bugel, freshman Sarah Nee and junior Jessie Losteter. Bugel was assisted by freshman Emily Fitchwell, and senior Kait Etzel-Hardman assisted Losteter.

The Titans out-shot the Golden Tornadoes 29-5. Sophomores Lindsey Mellott and Christine Clawges split goal time and achieved two and one saves, respectively.

The women's soccer team traveled to Thiel later in the week to compete in their first PAC match up of the season. The Titans added their eighth shutout on the season, blanking Thiel, 3-0.

"It is definitely an accomplishment to have an eighth shutout which only shows that the team's defense is very good," Mellott said. "Hopefully, we will keep it up so we can get the maximum points possible during the games for the PAC."

Scoring the first Titan goal was senior Kristen Martin, assisted by Adams. Freshmen Sarah Nee and Hannah Schade each netted one goal and assisted each other on their goal.

The Titans out-shot the Tomcats by a margin of 36-1, and neither Clawges nor Mellott, who split goal time, registered a save.

The women's soccer team travels to Washington & Jefferson Wednesday, October 10, where they will compete in their second PAC game.

"The game against W&J is going to be tough, but we are going to come out strong and hopefully defeat another PAC opponent," Adams said. "I feel like we are definitely ready."

Titan athletic honors *PAC althetes of the week*

Jessica Cooper: Volleyball

Senior Jessica Cooper was named President's Athletic Conference (PAC) volleyball player of the week.

Cooper is a 5-foot-10 middle hitter, led the Titans with 51 kills (3.92 per game) and 12 blocks (0.92 per game) during the week with a .389 hitting percentage, including 20 kills in a 3-1 win over Thomas More, breaking the first-place Saints' 11-match win streak. The Titans took over first place in the PAC with a 4-0 record in four league matches.

Cooper also had 15 kills against PAC opponent Thiel during the Saturday, October 6 game, contributing to the 3-0 win.

Cooper is a history major from Newcastle, Pa.

Hilary Newman: Women's Tennis

Sophomore Hilary Newman was named PAC women's tennis player of the week.

Newman was a perfect 4-0 in four matches at No. 3 singles last week as the Titans posted a 2-2 record, including 9-0 wins over Bethany Tuesday and Chatham Saturday. Newman also compiled a 2-2 record at No. 2 doubles.

Newman was also insturmental in the PAC win against Washington and Jefferson on Saturday, September 22. She defeated her singles competition at the No. 3 spot, 6-1.

Newman is a psychology major from Beaver Falls, Pa.

Brittany McKee: Women's Soccer

Senior sweeper Brittany Mckee was named PAC defensive player of the week for women's soccer.

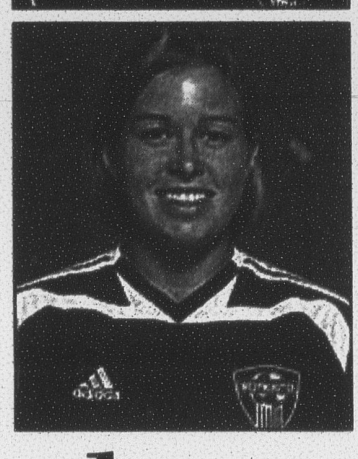
McKee keyed in the defensive effort against both Thiel and Geneva this week as opponents were held to six shots (Geneva 5, Thiel 1.) Titan goalkeepers were forced to make just three saves.

Recently, McKee was nationally recognized d3kicks.com and was listed as part of their team of the week for the week of September 9.

Mckee is a three-year starter and letter-winner. She started all 22 matches as a junior and earned first team all-PAC honors. She also was a third team all-Great Lakes Region selection from NSCAA/adidas.

Mckee is a speech communication major from Hubbard, Oh.

Christina Adams: Women's Soccer



Junior midfielder Christina Adams was named PAC offensive player of the week for women's soccer.

Adams posted three goals and an assist last week to lead the Titans to road wins at Geneva (6-0) on Monday and Thiel (3-0) on Wednesday. She posted a hat trick with three goals vs. Geneva, then assisted on the game-winning goal at Thiel.

Adams, a two-year starter and letter-winner, started all 22 matches as a sophomore and was also voted the team's MVP.

She also earned Titan athlete of the week honors last week as voted by the members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Adams is an elementary education major from Hubbard, Oh.

Jones gives olympic medals back

By Nancy Armour
AP National Writer

Little by little, the remnants of Marion Jones' once glorious career are being stripped away.

Jones gave back the five medals she won at the Sydney Olympics on Monday following her admission that she was a drug cheat, and also agreed to forfeit all results, medals and prizes dating back to Sept. 1, 2000.

"I'm pleased that it was resolved efficiently," said Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. "And at the end of the day, I hope it's a good lesson that will have a dramatic deterrent effect on all athletes who may be tempted to dope."

The U.S. Olympic Committee now will return the medals to the International Olympic Committee, which will decide what to do with them. Jones won golds in the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 1,600 relay in Sydney, as well as bronzes in the 400 relay and long jump.

"That, however belated, was the right thing to do," said Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

No one answered the door Monday at Jones' house in Austin, Texas.

Jones' relay teammates also should give back their medals, USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth said. Though there is precedent for not punishing an entire team, the race was tainted, Ueberroth said.

Jearl Miles-Clark, Monique Hennagan, Tasha Colander-Richardson and Andrea Anderson all won golds as part of the 1,600-meter relay. Chryste Gaines, Torri Edwards, Nanceen Perry and Passion Richardson were on the 400-meter relay team.

Both Edwards and Gaines have served doping bans since the 2000 Olympics.

"It's our opinion that when any sporting event is won unfairly, it's completely tarnished and should be returned. The relay events were won unfairly," Ueberroth said. "We don't have the jurisdiction on that matter. If we did, we would be on the side of returning the medals."

The USOC has not talked to the other athletes yet about giving up their medals.

Fielding a clean team is a priority for a country trying to improve its image in the Olympic movement - not to mention win the 2016 Games - and drug cheats like Jones have been an embarrassment for the USOC. Jones was one of the most celebrated female athletes in the world, and she vehemently denied any doping allegations.

Athens gold medalist Justin Gatlin faces a ban of up to eight years after testing positive for testosterone and other steroids in April 2006 - one month before tying the then 100-meter world record.

But the USOC and USADA have worked hard to rid the U.S. team of cheats, and Ueberroth pledged Monday that the American athletes at next summer's Beijing Olympics will be drug-free. The USOC also sent letters apologizing to 205 national Olympic committees and the people of Australia.

"Even though it is a negative going back, this will be viewed as positive in our commitment to fielding a clean team," USOC CEO Jim Scherr said of Jones' punishment.

After long denying she ever had used performance-enhancing drugs, Jones admitted Friday that she'd taken the designer steroid "the clear" from September 2000 to July 2001. "The clear" has been linked to BALCO, the lab at the center of the steroids scandal in professional sports.

Jones' admission came as part of her guilty plea to lying to federal investigators about using steroids. She will be sentenced on Jan. 11, and prosecutors had suggested to Jones the prison term would be a maximum of six months.

Though Jones announced her retirement after Friday's court hearing, she accepted a two-year ban Monday and agreed to forfeit any results dating back to Sept. 1, 2000. That includes the two golds (200 and 400 relay) and silver (100) she won at the 2001 championships in Edmonton.

She stands to lose more. Scherr said the USOC plans to go after Jones for prize money it awarded her, about $100,000.

The International Association of Athletics Federations rules also allow for athletes busted for doping to be asked to pay back prize money and appearance fees. British sprinter Dwain Chambers, who admitted using the clear, had to pay back a reported $230,615 before he was allowed to return to competition after a two-year ban.

Jones would have earned millions in prizes, bonuses and fees from meets all over the world, including a share of the $1 million Golden League jackpot in 2001 and 2002.

If the IOC does nullify Jones' results in Sydney, the standings likely will be readjusted, with the second-place finisher moving up to gold, third to silver and fourth to bronze.

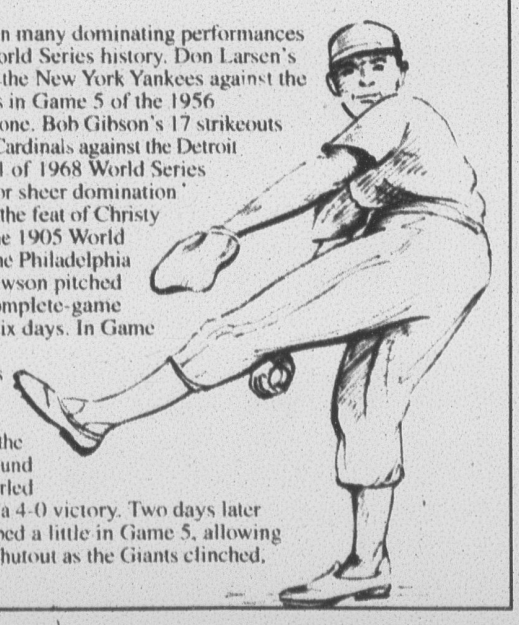
Jamaica won silver in the 1,600 relay, and France was fourth in the 400. Pauline Davis-Thompson of the Bahamas was the silver medalist in the 200 meters, and Tatiana Kotova of Russia was fourth in the long jump.

The silver medalist in the 100 meters in Sydney was Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou - at the center of a major doping scandal at the Athens Olympics. She and fellow Greek runner Kostas Kenteris failed to show up for drug tests on the eve of the games, claimed they were injured in a motorcycle accident and eventually pulled out. Both later were suspended for two years.

"Obviously we're concerned about a level playing field all the time. But we have no jurisdiction or nothing to say about that," Ueberroth said. "We have a responsibility to compete fairly. That's our system, and that's the way we're going to live."

Random sports fact

Christy Mathewson threw goose eggs in 1905 World Series



There have been many dominating performances by pitchers in World Series history. Don Larsen's perfect game for the New York Yankees against the New York Giants in Game 5 of the 1956 championship is one. Bob Gibson's 17 strikeouts for the St. Louis Cardinals against the Detroit Tigers in Game 1 of 1968 World Series is another. But for sheer domination nothing matches the feat of Christy Mathewson in the 1905 World Series. Against the Philadelphia Athletics, Mathewson pitched a record three complete-game shutouts in just six days. In Game 1, Mathewson threw a 4-hitter as the Giants won 4-0. Two days later in Game 3, the 6-foot-2, 195-pound right-handers hurled another 4-hitter, a 4-0 victory. Two days later Mathewson slipped a little in Game 5, allowing six hits in a 2-0 shutout as the Giants clinched, 4 games to 1.

Indians eliminate Yankees with 6-4 win

NEW YORK (AP) -- Paul Byrd and the Cleveland Indians bullpen closed out the New York Yankees 6-4 in Game 4 of their American League Division Series last night, completing the third straight first-round debacle for the Yankees, one that might cost manager Joe Torre his job.

Once Grady Sizemore hit a leadoff home run, the Indians were headed to the AL championship series while the New York Yankees were braced for a showdown with their boss.

"It's tough. It's exciting," Sizemore said. "We fought hard and got it done here."

The Yankees came in streaking, overcoming a 21-29 start to win the AL wild card. But they were done in by poor pitching, an insect invasion and the latest October vanishing act by Alex Rodriguez, whose bat was quiet until a solo home run in the seventh inning.

The pesky Indians, who wasted a three-run lead in Game 3, chased Chien-Ming Wang in the second and burst ahead 4-0. Byrd kept wiggling out of trouble, and Victor Martinez's two-run single made it 6-1 in the fourth against reliever Mike Mussina.

A day after averting a sweep, New York put runners on in every inning except the eighth. But when it counted, its high-octane offense fell flat once again, with late homers by Rodriguez and Bobby Abreu not enough.

"I got some big outs with guys on base," said Byrd, who stranded two runners in the first and three in the second.

Cleveland moves on to its first ALCS since 1998, opening Friday night at Boston. The Indians were only 2-5 against the Red Sox this season, but will have aces C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona rested for Fenway Park.

The Indians are seeking their first World Series title since 1948. The NL championship series starts Thursday night with Colorado at Arizona.

Bewildered New York opens yet another offseason of turmoil, another October over nearly as soon as it began. All eyes will be on owner George Steinbrenner, who said over the weekend that he didn't think he'd keep Torre as manager if New York bowed with another early exit. While the Indians celebrated in the infield, A-Rod stood alongside teammates, one leg on the top step of the dugout, the other a step below.

Torre managed the Yankees to four World Series titles in his first five years and reached the playoffs in all 12 of his seasons. Yet, that might not be enough for Steinbrenner, impatient his team of multimillionaires has gone seven years in a row with no title. If Torre does depart, Don Mattingly and Joe Girardi are the leading candidates to replace him.

Cleveland completed a sorry season for New York's teams - the Mets swooned with 12 losses in 17 games and missed the playoffs entirely. .

Calendar

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Jamie McMinn, "The Role of Physical Attractiveness and Gender on Students' Perceptions of Sexual Orientation Stability" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Geneva

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Washington & Jefferson*

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:15 PM - 9:30 PM Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Washington & Jefferson*

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Bethany*

7:00 PM Children's Author/Illustrator Marc Brown Appearing in Person for Presentation/Lecture (Orr Auditorium)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, October 11, 2007

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

12:30 PM Chem Club Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (Patterson 231)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

6:30 PM BSU Meeting (TBA)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Mock Convention: Meet the Candidates (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:00 PM Ski and Snowboard Club Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

Friday, October 12, 2007

All Day Events

Incomplete Grades Due

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

11:35 AM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Bethany*

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)

6:00 PM Volleyball Senior Roast (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: A Mighty Heart (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM BSU Pajama Jam (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Ratatouille (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, October 13, 2007

All Day Events

FAMILY DAY

TBA Men's Cross Country @ Carnegie Mellon Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ Carnegie Mellon Invitational

11:00 AM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Mount Saint Joseph

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

1:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Mount Saint Joseph

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Washington & Jefferson*

4:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Grove City*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Geneva

8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Mac Frampton and The Hollywood Hills Orchestra (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Lynn Trefzger, Ventriloquist/Comedienne (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Ratatouille (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: A Mighty Heart (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, October 14, 2007

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Ratatouille (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: A Mighty Heart (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, October 15, 2007

All Day Events

Last Day for First 7-Week Courses

TBA Men's Golf @ Washington & Jefferson Invitational

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:15 PM PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:00 PM Phi Mu Stand-up Standoff (MCC Club/Lounge)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:30 PM Pre-Veterinary Society Meeting (Hoyt 166)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

All Day Events

PE-2 and Second 7-Week Classes Begin

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

12:45 PM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

4:00 PM All Campus Book Discussion: Water for Elephants by Sarah Gruen (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:00 PM Psychology Colloquium -- Dr. Charisse Nixon, "Relational Aggression: What Do We Know and Where Are We Going?" (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

5:15 PM Panhellenic Council Meeting (Ferguson 111)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

6:30 PM Mock Convention Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Volleyball @ Waynesburg*

7:00 PM Zeta Tau Alpha Recruitment Party (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

All Day Events

PE-2 and Second 7-Week Classes Begin

10:30 AM Celebrity Series: Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy (Orr Auditorium)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Sandra Webster, "Creating and Maintaining a Classroom Culture of Respect" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

1:45 PM Men's Soccer @ Waynesburg*

4:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Waynesburg*

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Celebrity Series: Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy (Orr Auditorium)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM YPS Discussion Groups (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

It will soon be time to cash in on all of the knowledge and experience you have gained. Put the finishing touches on plans for a daring undertaking.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Financial change could come quickly and unexpectedly. Avoid getting in over your head with a loan extension or too many credit applications.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Strive to be objective or open-minded when it comes to your partner's views or opinions. Take a deep breath and listen without getting upset.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

You have creativity and visionary insights working in your favor this week. Take a tedious chore to task and joyfully turn it into a pleasant experience.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

Relationships that are built on a shaky foundation are destined to fall. Put social plans on hold until you are able to restore emotional harmony with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

A family member will respond positively to your encouragement or suggestions. Welcome lessons or situations that are designed to demonstrate unconditional love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Great moments are the result of feeling productive and efficient in your work. Use mental agility and strength to come up with a good plan of attack.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

One good deal is followed by another one this week. Play it smart, be very selective in your choices and avoid overextending your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Prompt and thorough attention to a personal matter is highly recommended. Get focused and make it your goal to set the record straight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Learn to trust your feelings or instincts in an unfamiliar or unusual situation. The circumstances may not be clear, but your heart will never lie to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Group activities are charted for this week. Share an electrifying experience with close friends or associates that you will not soon forget.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

If you wish to get ahead in a competitive field, you must be willing to go the extra mile. Push forward with maximum effort in professional endeavors.

If your birthday is this week, lead with your differences and charm friends and loved ones with flair in romance and finance during the coming year.

You are gifted in intellectual or creative thinking and should use verbal persuasion to get your point across. Make an open and honest expression of your thoughts and feelings and let everyone know where you stand on a controversial subject.

Also born this week:

Indira Gandhi, Robert F. Kennedy, Bjork, Charles de Gaulle, Bruce Hornsby, Barbara and Jenna Bush.

Sudoku!

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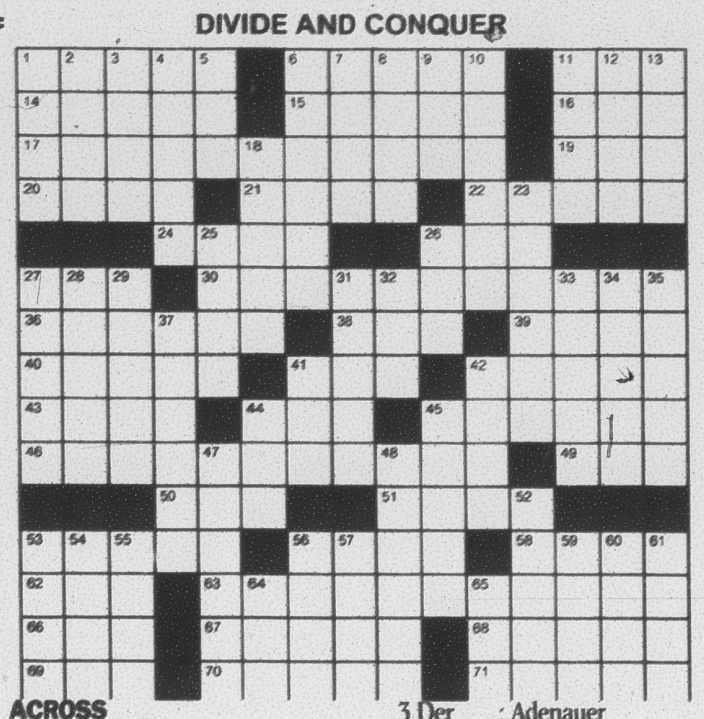

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McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

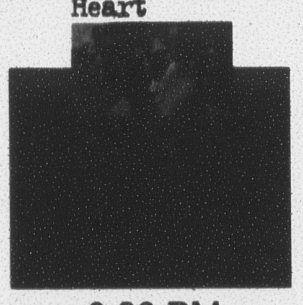
Friday, Oct. 12 - 10PM

BSU presents: Pajama Jam in Berlin Lounge

Saturday, Oct. 13 - 8PM

Lynn Trefzger - Ventriloquist/Comedienne

"A Mighty Heart"



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Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

"Ratatouille "

10:30 PM
8:00 PM
3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
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Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
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Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Upcoming Fall Entertainment:

Oct 26 - Ben Portz - JD Eicher
Oct. 27 - Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 9 - Brandon Hewitt-Fyrst Impressions-Valley Below
Nov. 10 - Jen Kober

Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

Emery's *I'm Only A Man* darker than previous offerings

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A&E Editor

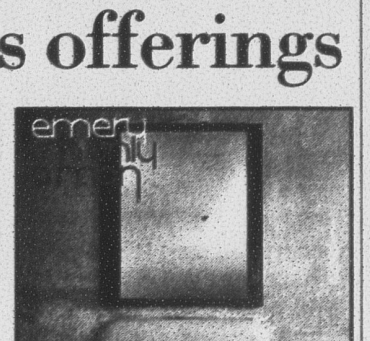

Photo from Amazon.com

With the release of their third full-length effort, Emery has let a little of the Seattle rain leak into their record.

Formed in 2001, the quintet is originally from South Carolina. The band's relocation to Seattle, Wash., finally has added a certain darkness to their record, "I'm Only A Man."

"I think lyrically this album might be one of the darkest albums [we've made]," vocalist Toby Morrell said. "I didn't expect it to be that way."

Being fans of bands that use darker lyrics and more upbeat music such as Queen, Emery has decided to embrace this influence fully on *IOAM*.

The Lineup
Alex Gaskarth - Guitar/Vox
Jack Barakat - Guitar
Ryan Dawson - Drums
Zack Merrick - Bass

Kicking off the album with the scorcher, "Rock N' Rule," a heavy, breakdown-laden track featuring a hint of southern flavor, Emery comes out with their guitars over their heads and microphones spinning in classic Emery style, declaring that "This is a waking up/This is your final call/And I would never want to see you get torn apart."

"Rock N' Rule" ebbs into track two, "The Party Song," the first track to be streamed online via Emery's myspace. On this second track, different production is evident with the deeper, twangier sound of guitarist Matt Carter's telecaster to the effects on vocalist Devon Shelton's voice.

Many of the different sounds on the record are due to the change of producers, from Seattle's own Aaron Sprinkle (Anberlin, Acceptance), who produced Emery's 2005 release The Question, which debuted at #45 on the Billboard Top 200, to Ryan Boesch (Foo Fighters, Norma Jean) who sat behind the soundboard on I'm Only A Man.

Regardless of producer, Emery has always been a band that straddles the fence between energy and artistry. Having two talented lead singers, both with opera-like, distinguished voices is a rarity in the genre, but Emery has been able to pull it off beautifully with every record.

At the same time, Emery can shed their melodic practices to tear the roof off with ear piercing screams and breakdowns. Emery has not changed much in these departments on IOAM, but has tweaked them. Instead of guitar-driven breakdowns, Emery decides to use techniques that utilize more bass. Instead of high-end screams, the band sometimes decides to use high-pitched gang vocals. These subtle changes arouse the listener's ear and allow Emery to escape the making of *The Question: Part Two*.

But does Emery succeed in making an original record that captures the audience with energy and grace? The answer is yes. Although some songs are stronger than others, Emery is able to maintain their identity and create a dark, introspective record that borrows from rock legends Queen and Foo Fighters.

Although some people who may have enjoyed *The Question* and *The Weak's End* may be disappointed, the majority of listeners will enjoy the change and admire Emery's desire to create original music in a genre full of copycat bands and cop outs that rely too heavily on their ability to play stress chords and the double-kick.

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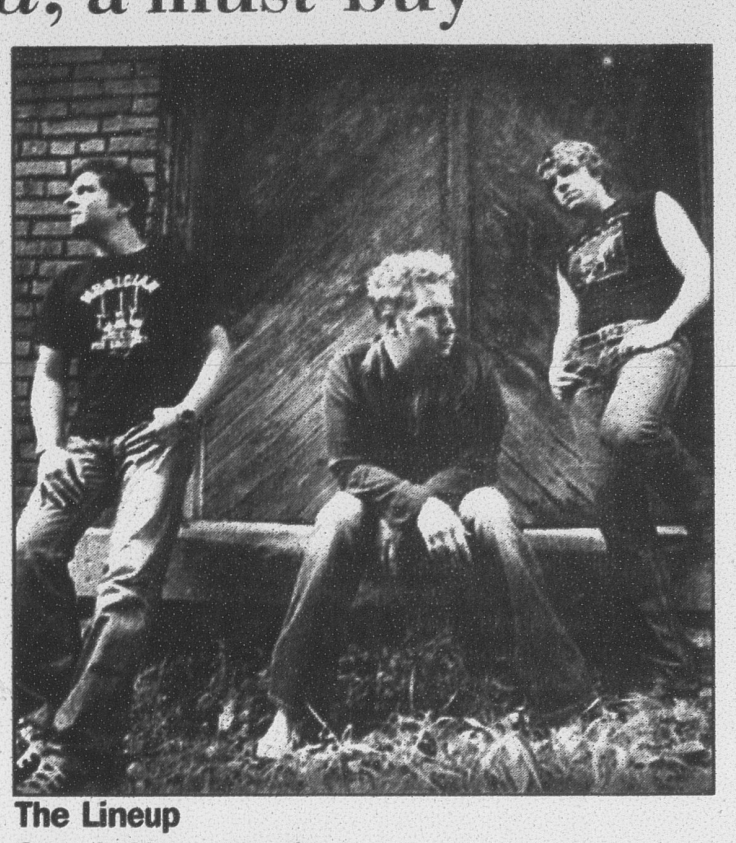
Rascal Flatts' latest cd, *Still Feels Good*, a must-buy

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer



The Lineup
Gary LeVox - vocals
Jay DeMarcus - piano
Joe Don Rooney - guitar

Photo by www.wil92.com

On September 25, Rascal Flatts came out with a new album, and it "Still Feels Good". This latest record, entitled *Still Feels Good* shows the best examples of the group's songwriting to date. Vocalist Gary LeVox, pianist Jay DeMarcus and guitarist Joe Don Rooney will not let their fans down with this album.

Ever since the group's first ever single "Praying for Daylight" from their debut album, the band has had one of the best followings not only in county music, but also on the popular charts. In 2006, they were the top-selling artists, in all genres of music. It is said that one out of every 14 country albums sold is a Rascal Flatts album. Not impressed yet? Their previous album Me And My Gang sold more than 721,000 albums in the first week, making them the best-selling artist in all of music. This was the first time in 15 years that a country artist has achieved that milestone.

Rascal Flatts' latest tour had 74 shows and 61 of them were sold out, including two shows in Pittsburgh. Will they ever slow down? With the addition of Still Feels Good, it seems as if they are not showing any signs of it.

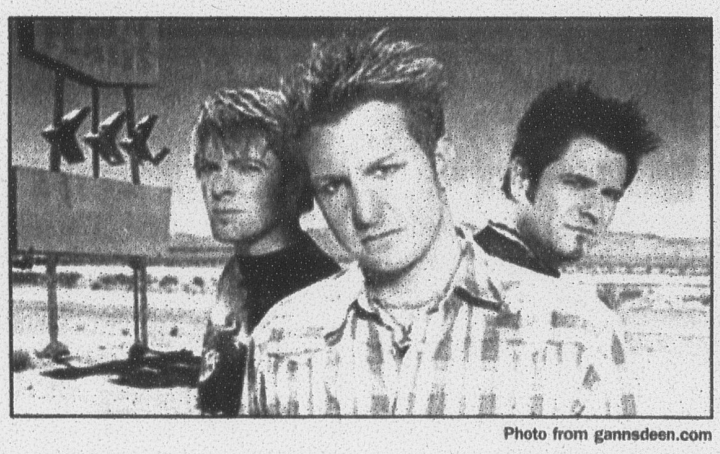
Rascal Flatts co-wrote many songs on the album with great writers including Kenny Chesney, who helped write the smash hit single "Take Me There." "Take Me There" is a great love song that Joe Don feels like it will "speak to the women big time." To add to their versatile songs, Rascal Flatts did something that they normally do not do on a record, that is feature another artist on one of their tracks. In the song "She Goes All The Way" they called up Jamie Foxx to add some smooth vocals on the verses. When I first heard that they were doing this, I thought this was going to be a huge mistake. However, to my surprise, it worked for the song and enhanced it. Apparently Foxx is a big fan of the group and made a promise to sing on one of their records if they sing on one of his.

It seems that every country album has to have at least one song about a car. On the track entitled, "Bob That Head," the group goes back to their roots. This song is probably the "Life Is A Highway" track for this album.

The only song that is written by all three of the members is "Winner At A Losing Game". This track is the main break-up song on the album with your typical country song storyline: "I love her, although she doesn't know how to love me back."

The only thing that is slightly bothering me about Rascal Flatts is if you were to listen to this album and all their other albums, all their music begins to sound very alike. This is my only complaint about the group. I just think they should watch and make sure they do not repeat lyrics and themes.

If you were never a Rascal Flatts fan to begin with, there is nothing about this album that would cause you to be one. If you were not a fan by their third album Feels Like Today, you probably are not one, but it is not like they need any more fans anyway. They will sell just as many, if not more albums than they did previously. Other than that, they are eating up the charts, and Still Feels Good is another solid album. It has everything a country record should have: cars, girls, breakups and Jamie Foxx. Ok, so maybe not Jamie Foxx, but you get the idea. In general, this is a quality choice. Go buy it.



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Sounds like: Lonestar, Heartland

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Farrelly brothers' *The Heartbreak Kid good for laughs*

By James Hebert
Copley News Service

In a sensible and well-mannered universe, the things the Farrelly brothers pull in "The Heartbreak Kid" would do little but stimulate the gag reflex.

Instead, the directors' gags trigger a different reflex entirely - one that may alarm your neighbors, one you may even try desperately to suppress. Let's call it "laughing."

Get friendly with it. Like the uncomfortably married couple in the movie, you two will be spending a lot of time together.

In this remake of the 1972 film, the Farrellys - proud perpetrators of "Dumb and Dumber," "There's Something About Mary" and other jolly assaults on good taste - turn Neil Simon's script inside out and flog it like a pinata.

The original (which Elaine May directed and Simon adapted from Bruce Jay Friedman's story) had a groom straying on his honeymoon. It did not have rat-based physical comedy, talk of an erotic maneuver called the "Swedish helicopter," urination as a medical procedure or an 80-year-old man in a hot tub with a naked, alarmingly inflated porn star. (So far as we can recall.)

It also did not have Ben Stiller, an actor who's the ideal foil for the Farrellys' grand carnival of indignities. Stiller does quiet exasperation like nobody's business - in fact, like nobody in the business.

He plays Eddie, a 40-ish sporting-goods store proprietor and a guy who couldn't waffle more if he had snowshoes fused to his feet. We meet him at the wedding reception of his longtime (former) girlfriend, where the toasts are laced with jabs at Eddie's inadequacies and he is reduced to sitting at the kids' table.

Once Eddie meets the leggy Lila (Malin Akerman), though, his dad (Jerry Stiller) and best bud (a very funny Rob Corddry) goad him into going all the way with her - all the way to the altar, that is. She won't sleep with him until after the wedding. When she does, though, it's with an exhausting ferocity that just about does Eddie in.

And that's not the half of the surprises about Lila, a seeming career girl and enviro-saint who turns out to be (not to give away too much) both a good deal less and a very bad deal more.

Akerman manages the transformation from whip-smart dream-girl to witless dream-crusher so seamlessly that it almost seems two different actresses playing Lila. She's also remarkably game for bearing the brunt of the movie's gags.

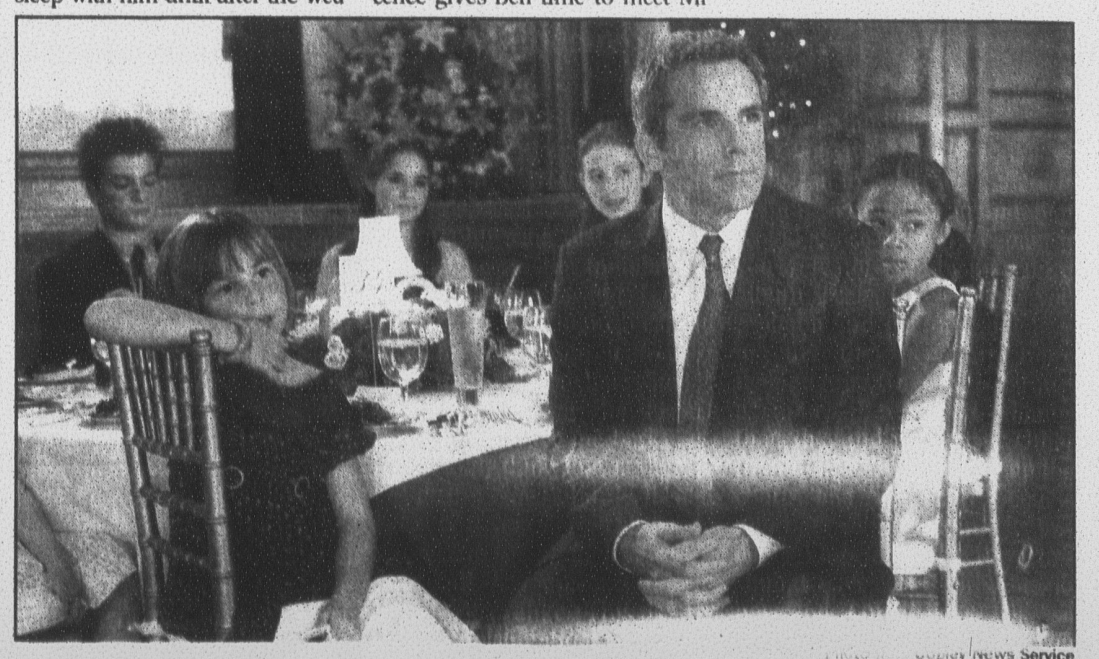
On their Cabo honeymoon, Lila hits the beach in baby oil, gets fried like a taquito and rails at the "stupid Mexican ozone." Her convalescence gives Ben time to meet Miranda (Michelle Monaghan), an earthy Southern belle visiting with her family, and begin a fling based on a big lie.

Monaghan's easy charm gives instant cred to Eddie's infatuation; she also brings much-needed sanity to this circus of neurotics.

To make things right, Eddie endures Minutemen vigilantes, killer jellyfish, a loose cannon of a "fixer" (Carlos Mencia) and a pair of meddling young twins whom Eddie memorably calls "homophobic hobbits."

David Bowie and his music thread through the movie, and when things climax with "Suffragette City," Ziggy is definitely singing the Farrellys' tune:

Wham, bam, thank you ma'am.



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Arts & Entertainment

Motion City Soundtrack's newest lacks creativity

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

This year has been a fairly unimpressive year when it comes to alternative music. Although there are some exceptions, most bands releasing albums this year have either changed their sound so much that their music sounds like an entirely different band or they have stuck with the formula that made them successful in the past.

Motion City Soundtrack's new CD *Even If It Kills Me* falls into the second category. They defined their pop-punk sound with their first two records and have decided to continue writing songs that sound similar to those on their previous albums.

I cannot blame the band for doing this. The songs are catchy, as they always have been, with the basic pop-punk sound that has become so popular late in the last decade. They have gained an international fan-base from playing this style of music, so it is natural for them to want to continue to please their fans.

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The opening track, "Fell In Love Without You," mixes every aspect of the band's sound together with an upbeat tempo. The track starts off with fast, heavy guitar and synthesizer and does not slow down. Near the end of the song, a key change caught me off guard and made me appreciate the song even more.

The first single, "This Is For Real," utilizes the most simple, and often successful, pop-punk formula. The guitars play a progression of easy power chords, accompanied by a fun synth lead part and lyrics that will make fans want to sing along.

"Calling All Cops" has a very similar sound, but overall is a better constructed song. The chord progression during the chorus is simple like that of the single, but the verse's progression is much more complex and interesting. This track would do well on the radio.

Two songs near the end depart from the rest of the album by being piano-based. "The Conversation" is a ballad featuring only piano and vocals, and "Hello Helicopter" alternates between piano-driven and guitar-driven melodies. While these tracks differ from the others, there is still little creativity or experimentation involved.

The guitar parts, drum beats, synthesizer parts and vocal melodies are totally unoriginal. They have all been used before in either this band's previous songs or in songs by other similar artists.

The lyrics give me a reason to listen to this album. Not only are the lyrics catchy and easy to sing along to, they are often clever, using altered clichés or poetic descriptions of situations. They add a lot of creativity to an album that is otherwise devoid of it.

This album is only worth your time if you like to read the lyrics while listening to a song. The lyrics are what hold it together, and it is a bland record if the music is your main focus.

My biggest criticism of this record, and the band as a whole, is how much it sounds like other bands in the genre. When a song from this band comes on randomly in my music player, I have a hard time telling whether it is Motion City Soundtrack or Relient K. This band has a few more synthesizer parts and some vulgar lyrics. Motion City also sounds a lot like Mae, and sometimes even like Fall Out Boy.

I would suggest listening to some of the other bands that I have mentioned rather than Motion City Soundtrack. They have the catchy pop-punk sound that Motion City has, but with more creativity and variety.

Photo from mob.com

I hope that Motion City Soundtrack will experiment with their pop-punk formula more on their next album and will finally create a style of their own.

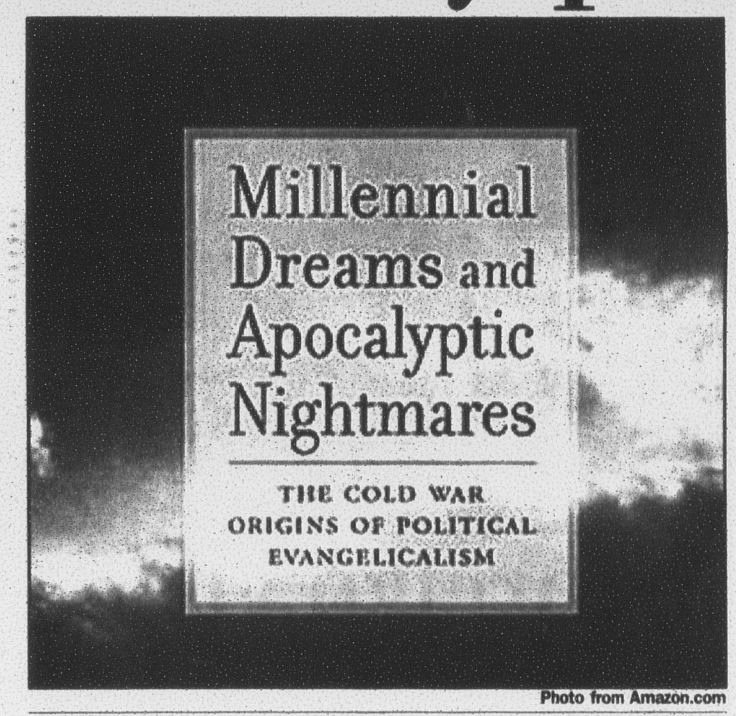
Sounds like: Relient K, Mae

The Lineup
Joshua Cain – Guitars, Backing Vocals
Jesse Johnson – Synthesizer
Justin Pierre – Vocals, Guitars
Matthew Taylor – Bass Guitar, Backing Vocals, Piano
Tony Thaxton – Drums, Percussion, Backing Vocals

Max's Rating: ★★☆☆

History professor publishes book

Dr. Angela Lahr's work examines the rise of Evangelicals during the cold war



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By Danielle McCullough
A & E Staff

Dr. Angela Lahr's book *Millennial Dreams and Apocalyptic Nightmares: The Cold War Origins of Political Evangelicalism* was released last Wednesday, October 3rd. Her publication came from her dissertation.

When deciding on a topic she stated she "Asked the question I wanted to know the answer to."

And quite the interesting topic she chose. The book discusses how Evangelicals gained power politically in the quake of the cold war. They combined their interpretation of the end of times with what was going on during the cold war.

Thanks to the invention of the atomic bomb the belief that the end of the world was coming soon had a snowball effect, therefore becoming more mainstream that it had been before. As the cold war continued they gained more and more power.

Dr. Lahr's book was published by Oxford University press. It took about 2 years after the initial OK from Oxford till it was published.

"There were lots of revisions" she stated as it was revised by many different people that she was never in contact specifically. Also she had no previous connect with Oxford and is very proud of the accomplishment.

This is a book that anyone could pick up and understand, and it is her hope that not just classes will use the book. It's definitely one that I'll be adding to my collection.

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Across the Universe serves up '60s tunes fondly and in rainbow hues

David Elliot
Copley News Service

The oomph-driven theatrical director Julie ("Lion King") Taymor can really ride herd on a film. "Titus" trampolined Shakespeare on a startling web of theatrical effects, and "Frida" turned artist Frida Kahlo into a nuclear pinata of Mexican colors, politics and death symbols.

Now, Taymor ropes, brands and stampedes the Beatles into her showbiz corral. In "Across the Universe," she and the writers serve up the fabled tunes and the 1960s fondly and as deep as a peace decal in rainbow hews. The result is a kind of astral haze of newborn nostalgia, trying to invoke a legendary era as if it were freshly happening.

So, period trappings embellish the deathless tunes, but the actors could fit any current musical. This often seems less a Beatles memory ride than an attempt to redo "Rent" with a hugely improved score.

Jim Sturgess, looking a bit like Paul McCartney in 1965, is English shipyard worker and artist Jude (do you sense a certain song coming?). Seeking his dad in the States, he stops by Princeton and bonds quickly with posh princeling Max (Joe Anderson). He then falls for Max's sister Lucy (Evan Rachel Wood), as they plug into the new hippie scene in New York.

Wood isn't yet in the sky with diamonds, but when her pale, perfect face is angelically framed for a melting love song, young viewers may mush-up as others once did for Natalie Wood in "West Side Story" (unlike Wood, this seems to be Evan Rachel's own, piping voice). The very post-Beatles young may relish the simple, simple romance, less a story than lyrics done with follow-the-bouncing-ball clarity.

Taymor piles and pinwheels the big rousers with sets, effects, 'toons. Joe Cocker's guest intro of "Come Together" really rocks it open. But Taymor dips characters in cliche mulch. Gifted Dana Fuchs belts attitude as someone blending Janis Joplin and Tina Turner, while Martin Luther McCoy prowls and growls as her lover/guitarist, an uneasy blend of Jimi Hendrix and Ike Turner.

In the moptop years, the film is a fetchingly clever music video, abloom with young desires. After it choreographs rally-busting cops and Vietnam War hell, with a bow to racial riots and Dr. King's death, even the naive must know that such history is not quite credibly served even by the Beatles catalog, not even "My Guitar Gently Weeps."

The psychedelic phase is a rush, man, yet when Taymor serves up the gassy, grassy trip to la-la as pure escape, you might crave a little wake-up acid from Tom Wolfe. If impious truth be told, the 1960s spent major energy stereotyping itself, being spun and sold and lampooned, and what "Hair" began this whirligig re-combs as one hell of a 'do.

This year's best musical gifts on film, "Once" and "Colma: The Musical," are small, droll, newly lyrical and held true by talented sincerity. This much gaudier show makes sincerity seem like a virtue best suited to Broadway.

Of course, this one has the Beatles. "What's not to like?" McCartney reportedly said to Taymor after a viewing. But in their glory time, the boys might have knocked out "Hey Julie" as a jaunty spoof.

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Bedtime remembrances

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

How do you remember things?

Do you remember the good, the bad, or the ugly? Do you remember in color, dark shades of gray, or in sounds?

There are several ways a person chooses to recall their memories. Personally, I remember color. I may not be able to tell you word for word what you said, but I probably could tell you what you were wearing.

However, thinking past how you remember, what do you remember? When you start to drift off to sleep at night, what do you recall?

Some people think of the happy events of the day. Others remember the bad ones. Some will be haunted by memories past. While others will use their fondest memories to soothe them into sleep.

I know I use these last kinds of memories the most, especially late at night. I remember when I was a young child and having nightmares. My mom would come and lay in bed with me, running her fingers through my hair, and tell me to think happy thoughts. She would remind of positive happenings in my life or remind me of my goals and dreams. I still use this technique often to drift into a happy sleep after a bad day.

Memories are precious. They are some of the only representations of things past once they are gone. Sometimes they are the only things left of a person when they are gone. When someone makes a memory with you, something you will always remember, they are recording a piece of them with you.

As long as someone remembers you, you will never truly be gone. You will live as a vapor, an essence, in the people who surrounded you.

Therefore you should give consideration to those with whom you make the memories. Some of my most cherished memories are those which people took the time to make them with me. For example, my mom singing to me with me in her lap. My grammy and pappy making breakfast for me on Saturday mornings, a friend making my birthday special, my sisters and I talking until late in the night or walks around the lake with my boyfriend are all fond memories to me.

I like to think that I am making the same sort of memories possible for others. I hope I am taking the time to make memories the way my parents, grandparents, and loved ones did and still are. I think everyone should try to do this.

I try to take time to spend with my nieces to make a memory. I just take a afternoon to spend with them because we will never get it back again. Now, being at school, and their being able to recall something we did together warms me inside and brings a smile to my face. They have not forgotten that I love them. I can be a good memory they can remember when they fall asleep at night.

Maroon 5 elaborates on memories in their song, "A Simple Kind of Lovely":

"How do I call myself at times like these?
I need a simple kind of lovely
The thought is just a novelty…
What about all those bad dreams?
Who will walk you back into reality?
I wish this could be like this everyday…
Was just a simple kind of lovely
The memories will be okay"

Who would not want to be part of someone's good memories? One solid, concrete way to insure that you are is to take the time to make memories. Get out of you normal everyday and do something special, to remember, with someone you love.

Memories are precious, take the time to remember them.

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Westminster Tale, Part II

Using the dim light from the illuminated screen of my cell phone, I looked at the door keeping me from freedom. There was no knob on this side. I looked for someway to open the door but there was nothing.

I shifted my gaze to the stairwell, where there were small shelves. To my continued disappointment, they were mostly empty except for one old flashlight; the kind that are about a foot long and make the loud click sound when the bulb turns on.

I turned it on to make sure it worked but I wasn't sure how much power was in it so I left it off and put it in my pocket. Sitting on the stairs, I thought about my options: I could pound on the door, shout, and hope someone heard me, sit around and wait, or explore the area a bit. I thought the first two would be pointless so I opted for the latter and turned on the flashlight.

After about five minutes of walking around, I remembered the bowed wall that I had seen earlier. As I made my way towards it, I thought about my mom, chiding me to pick a college. I hadn't originally planned on attending Westminster.

I wanted to attend Miskatonic University in Massachusetts, but my parents wanted me to be closer to home; I live in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. After arguing about it I realized that they weren't going give in, I finally accepted my fate and chose Westminster.

Coming out of my thoughts, I realized that I had returned to the weak spot in the wall and when I pressed my hand against one of the bricks, I felt it move. I pushed the brick through, hoping this would lead to an exit. I kept pushing bricks until the entire section came crashing down.

It was a hole, about six feet high and five feet wide. I swept my flashlight across the area. It was an old hallway. Some of the tiles on the wall had fallen off or cracked, the floor was a mess of tile chips and mold, and the ceiling was dark with leakage stains and looked ready to cave in.

I pointed my flashlight down the hallway but it stretched on so far that the darkness eventually swallowed the weak beam of light. I didn't like the look of this potential escape but it was my only option. I refused to sit around and hope that someone would find me. I stepped forward into the hall.

The first thing I noticed was how cold the hallway was compared to the basement. It was a significant 10 degree difference and I wrapped my arms around myself automatically. Besides being cold, the air felt…strange.

It was almost heavy, as though it were a living thing that settled in to this long-forgotten area. A chill ran down my spine and I tried to shake off the cold. I succeeded marginally but the air still held its oppressive weight.

Looking around I saw an old door to my left. It was solid, with no windows to look through, and still seemed pretty sturdy for its age. I tried the doorknob but it was stuck from years of disuse. I figured the door may have rotted off the hinges so I took a step back and kicked, thrusting my foot towards the wood.

CRACK!

The impact sounded like a gunshot but failed to open the door. In fact, it hadn't even budged. Pointing my flashlight at it, I inspected the door a little closer. The only thing on it was a small plaque identifying the room. I leaned forward and wiped some of the grime away with my hand. There was a single word printed on the little strip of metal.

Mortuary.

Look for the next segment of Jared McConkey's story in the October 31 edition of *The Holcad*

An undertaker's delight: no oven required

By Shannon Bobbert
Features writer

Cooking mishaps are unavoidable, no matter who you are, no matter what kitchen device you use, no matter how clever you may be. I say this because recently I was pleasantly surprised to learn that I wasn't the only person with a past of cooking disasters.

Amid hurried last-minute studying for a psychology class, I spoke to a couple of people who have had cooking misadventures similar to my own. Even better than finding intelligent people who had caused cooking disasters, was their willingness to allow me to share their real names and mishaps with readers, so that you may laugh with us and reminisce about your own kitchen catastrophes.

On my left side was sophomore Brian Petrus, self-proclaimed microwave slayer. He doesn't cook often, he says, but fondly remembers the time he caused an explosion that smashed the door of his microwave.

"I was only trying to microwave a chocolate chip cookie," Brian said in his defense, "but part of the plate broke right through the door."

On my other side in class was freshman Gary Hutsler, who joined in on our conversation of cooking shame, confessing his own microwave mishap. Nuking a piece of pizza should have been a simple task that doesn't require much brain effort.

At least that's what Gary figured when he stuck his pizza in the microwave. Twenty minutes later he realized that his pizza was still cooking. Gary opened up his microwave to find a cracked plate and a crispy thing that used to be a slice of pizza. He grinned as he confessed that his microwave was still set to cook for another thirty minutes more.

I, myself, happen to have a cake pan in the shape of Harry Potter's face in my possession. My family seems to think that if I am provided with the right utensils that I might be motivated to actually follow a recipe that involves oven cooking. I almost fulfilled expectation.

Baking a cake shouldn't have been a difficult undertaking for two college-age girls, especially when the cake mix is already prepared with detailed instructions lining the entire back of the box. We read and reread the directions. We preheated, stirred, and spread exactly as the box had instructed. However, when we finally tried to pry the cooled cake out, it refused to separate from its shiny metal friend, the cake pan. My friend and I had failed to spot the step reading: grease and flour the cooking pan.

If you've got cooking stories to share, find me and fess up. I can tell you about all of the things I've accidentally spilled, caught on fire, and blown up. Which is probably why this week's recipe involves all cold ingredients and no cooking. Try an Undertaker's Delight to satisfy a morbidly sweet appetite.

Perfect for scary movie night.

Undertaker's Delight

You will need:
1 can (16 oz) white frosting
Box of 12 ice cream sandwiches
Food coloring
Sandwich baggies
Orange and black Halloween sprinkles
Someone to eat leftover ice cream sandwich corners

Separate frosting into several different plastic sandwich baggies and tint each one a different color. Cut a tiny corner out of the baggies, to squeeze the icing out with. Take the ice cream sandwiches out of their wrappings and cut the corners like a coffin (have a friend on hand to feed them to so they don't go to waste). Dip each end of the ice cream coffin into sprinkles. Go crazy with the icing on the coffins–create lots of creepy Halloween-themed art on top.

Cost: about $7.00

Makes 12 edible coffins, or enough for a small party with creatures of the night (vampires, werewolves, or study buddies).

Helpful Tip: To create coffins that would make Vlad Dracula proud, make the corner cut of your sandwich baggies extremely tiny. This way, the icing comes out in a tinier strip and allows for more control and room for creativity.

New experiences: I get to be "the foreign girl"

Lynn Elliot explores the more awkward moments of studying abroad

By Lynn Elliott
Features Writer

This all starts with the Spanish university system, but I hardly know where to begin.

Choosing classes for this semester was incredibly complicated. Most classes were listed on the main university website, but some departments had their own class listings, very few of which included class times or locations. A lot of the classes listed were only offered in the spring. All of this, by the way, was written in special university code that I swear no one can decipher.

Once I finally decided which classes I wanted, I had to make them all fit in the same schedule. I started out with a list of 35 potential classes and I ended up with five.

Spanish university classes are not like Westminster classes. There is no MWF/TR plan. I'm not sure that there is a plan at all, actually. For example, my "Italian as a Third Language" class is on Thursday evenings at 7:00-9:00 and also on Fridays at 12:00-2:00. My other classes are on a similar timetable. I have no Wednesday classes. Talk about having trouble memorizing your schedule.

"I've finally got this figured out," I thought, "no problem!" Bright and early Tuesday morning (11:00), I walked confidently to my first class, "Correct Spanish."

I was unprepared for the number of actual Spanish students I would see. I was in international courses for eight weeks before starting the semester and I guess I got used to seeing people from all over the world. "Correct Spanish" is a grammar class designed for native Spanish speakers. There were four foreign students in a class of forty.

"No worries," my positive inner voice said, "it's only one class. You've still got four more to go." Thinking positive thoughts, I proceeded to my 4:00 class, "The Spanish Aesthetic."

I was the first one in the classroom, so I sat down and pretended to do important things while I waited on everyone else. Several minutes passed and no one showed up. Half an hour - no one. The class was only supposed to be an hour long, so I left. Apparently, some classes just don't meet for the first week and I had missed the memo. I could have been at home taking a siesta.

Fortunately, my "Italian as a Third Language" class did meet, and this is where being the foreign girl really comes into play. On a quick side note about languages, it's pretty fun to take an Italian course that's taught in Spanish. The two are similar enough that I can't always tell which language the professor is speaking.

We learned to say "my name is" and the professor went around the room, having us introduce ourselves and the people around us. When I said my name, the professor stopped everything and said, "You're a foreign girl!" Yes. Thanks for reminding me. I often forget my nationality.

He had me repeat my name several times, then he made me spell it using the Italian alphabet while he wrote it in huge letters on the board, after which he spent several minutes teaching words like "foreigner" and "United States." I was the only person to mention nationality, so I assume that either I'm the only foreign student or there are other foreign students who are better at hiding in a crowd of Spaniards.

Throughout our animated exchange, the professor spoke a weird mix of Italian and Spanish, I didn't understand much of what he said, and the rest of the class stared at me like they'd paid admission to a great freak show.

On the upside of things (here comes that positive inner voice again), everyone in that class knows my name.

Contrary to what you may think, I'm not used to people staring at me like I'm waiting for the mother ship to pick me up. Ye people do occasionally stare at but that's usually because I'm doing something to merit the stares (i.e., doing a faceplant in the middle of the TUB, going to the cafeteria right after playing frisbee in the mud, being much too loud in Dunkin' Donuts, et cetera).

The looks I'm getting now, though, are because I'm "the foreign girl." You know the kind of looks I mean - the sideways stare and furtive glances while avoiding eye contact at all costs. It's definitely a new experience for me.

Being a foreign student does occasionally have its benefits, however; in my Spanish Literature class, the Spaniards have been assigned four novels while the extranjeros are only reading three. As much as I love reading, I was relieved.

It's taken me a while, but I've decided that as much as I want to look and talk and act more like a Spaniard, I am fine with being the foreign girl. Despite being stared at and being a little lost in the culture, I feel good about who I am. The positive inner voice helps, too.

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Julie Tvaruzik and Lynn Elliott pose in front of Roman ruins in Spain.

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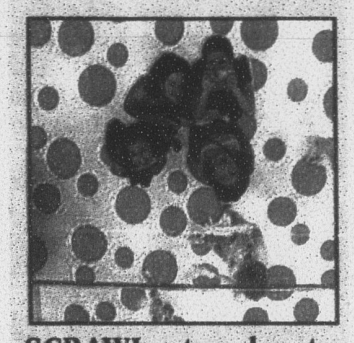

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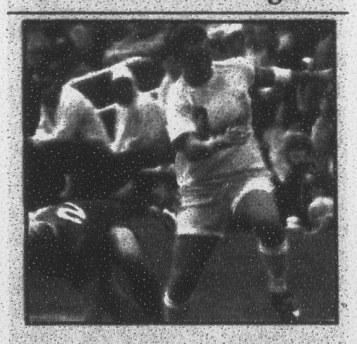

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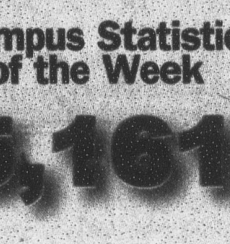

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English professor's play to be performed by professional actors

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Saturday Nov. 3, professional actors from the Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company are coming to Beeghly Theater to perform five short plays taken from their annual Black and White Festival.

The program, beginning at 7 p.m., will feature *A Question of Taste, Mr. Ding Dong Daddy, Cake without Frosting, Out of Focus,* and *Play it Out.* The plays consist of African-American playwrights and Caucasian playwrights. The dramas written by Caucasian writers are directed by African American directors and vice versa. The performance will have free admission, but seats are expected to fill quickly.

Two of the plays, in fact, were written by one of our faculty and a Westminster alumnus.

Dr. Andrew Ade, assistant professor for the department of English and public relations, wrote *A Question of Taste,* a fictional story set in Africa. The production addresses ongoing political problems, affecting everyday people in parts of Africa. It is a three-person play involving three generations of African men. One of the actors, Joshua Elijah Reese is a recent graduate from Point Park College where he majored in theater and dance.

Ade said that people who are creative usually find that there is one mode of creativity that suits them. For Ade that mode of creativity is playwriting.

"I had the idea ten years ago, as a graduate student, but I never had the time to write it," Ade said. "I used to live in Africa when volunteering for the Peace Corps in Zaire ; part of my play draws from the personal experience I had there."

College alumnus, F.J. Hartland, also has a play being performed, *Cake Without Frosting.* Hartland graduated in 1980 and earned his playwriting MFA at Carnegie Mellon, where he won the first of many awards. Several of his short plays have been produced in New York City.

A third Westminster connection is director John Gresh, who taught for the department of communication studies, theater and art from 2005 to 2006.

The college's Diversity Services, Inquiry Committee, and Scrawl will co-sponsor the performance. The sponsors were chosen because they combine creative writing, inquiry, and diversity, which is what the festival is all about. The Black Student Union will volunteer as ushers.

Co-editor of Scrawl Leanna Stitt said the publication will not only act as a sponsor, but also make programs and posters, provide volunteers, and escort guests to their seats.

"We got involved because Scrawl really tries to promote all of the arts including visual art, writing, and drama," Stitt said. "Getting the campus involved in drama will expose people to something different. They will be able to get away from just poetry and experience other forms of art."

Scrawl was originally planning to take students to the PPTC to see the performances, but when Southers heard the performances were linked to the college he decided to bring the plays to us.

The festival and college performances were made possible by artistic director of PPTC Mark Clayton Southers and Festival Coordinator John Gresh. The PPTC strives to show the works of local playwrights and allow them to develop their skill.

Prior to the college performance, the above-mentioned plays and others can be seen during the PPTC's Fifth Annual Theater Festival in Black and White at their Pittsburgh space (542 Penn Avenue) in the Cultural District. The festival will run from Oct. 17 to Oct. 28 and feature eight plays divided into two programs, A and B. The college performance will combine selected plays of the two programs. Ade will also discuss the process of writing his play prior to the day of the performance.

"I used to live in Africa when volunteering for the Peace Corps in Zaire; part of my play draws from the personal experience I had there."
Dr. Andrew Ade

Program A:
Sympathy for a Vampire
Cake Without Frosting
1892/1982 Two Steel Stories
Mr. Ding Dong Daddy

Schedule:
Preview: Wednesday Oct 17th at 8pm
Opening: Saturday Oct 20th at 2pm
Sunday Oct 21st at 6pm
Friday Oct 26th at 8pm
Saturday Oct 27th at 8pm
Sunday Oct 28th at 2pm

Program B:
Play it Out
The Only Good Artist is a Dead One
Out of Focus
A Question of Taste

Schedule:
Preview: Thursday Oct 18th at 8pm
Opening: Saturday Oct 20th at 8pm
Sunday Oct 21st at 2pm
Thursday Oct 25th at 8pm
Saturday Oct 27th at 2pm
Sunday Oct 28th at 6pm

Library renovation making noticeable progress

By Molly Hager
Campus Writer

After more than nine months, the renovation of McGill Library begins to show major progress as phase one comes to an end.

With a new elevator, a new ground floor and updated heating/air conditioning systems, one major project remains for this year. The Ferguson room remains blocked off from students. The construction in the Ferguson room should be completed by Thanksgiving break. The second and final phase of the renovation will begin after commencement in the spring.

"We're hoping everything will be completed by next August in time for the next school year," head librarian Molly Spinney said.

Recent developments include the completion of the new computer lab. Students now can use the lab in its new location. Also, a fence has been built on the south side of the building. This fence protects the transformer and the chiller.

"The fence is really there for safety reasons," Spinney said.

Phase two begins next summer with the closing of the library. Once again, McGill Library will not be available during summer break. However, students planning on taking summer courses should not be concerned.

"A lot of the commonly used resources will be moved to the Mack Science Library for summer students," said Kenneth Romig, vice president of financial management services.

The biggest project for phase two will be the relocation of the main entrance and circulation desk. The main entrance will be moved to the south side of the building. One of the best things about this new entrance will be the elevator that will help make the library more handicap accessible.

The old entryway will be changed in to a seminar room. The doors will be exchanged for windows, and the floor will be raised up. As for the circulation desk, it will be moved as well. The old location will become the center for the computers in the yellow reading room. This change will add a secondary teaching room.

"By the time the students come back next August, it [the library] will look gorgeous," Spinney said.

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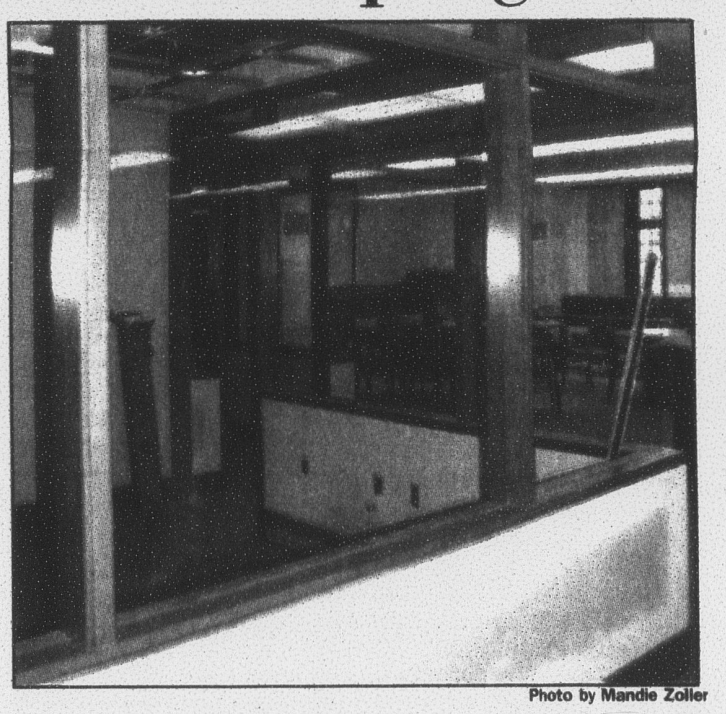

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Phase One of the library construction project is coming to an end as Fall Break approaches.

Distinguished Speaker Series continues with "Perspectives on the Environment"

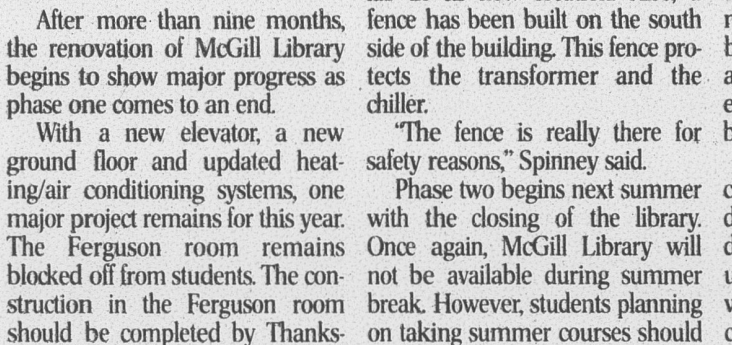
By Stefan Schneider
Staff Writer

Environmental issues will be tackled once again on Oct. 29, as part of Westminster's Distinguished Speaker Series, "Perspectives on the Environment."

The speaker in the upcoming event is Michael Maniates, professor of political science and environmental studies at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. His presentation, entitled "The Power of Sacrifice in an Ecologically Full World," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room. He will focus on the fallacy that American people are entirely unwilling to accept to full reality of the environmental crises.

"When a speaker came to Allegheny to talk about environmental issues, we had a huge turnout," Michael Maniates said." Once someone asked what they could do, however, the speaker simply said 'Buy a hybrid car because there's not much else we can ask people to do without demanding sacrifice."

Going further, he stated that Americans work best with full information on a topic and respectful debate therein. With respectful debate, we come to learn more deeply about issues, especially democratic issues.



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Michael Maniates will be the next speaker for the Distinguished Speaker Series.

Professor Maniates writes and studies a variety of issues, including global patterns of consumption, overconsumption, consumerism, and routes of citizen involvement in contemporary environmental struggles that may be previously less explored.

Maniates is coordinator of The Project on Teaching Global Environmental Politics, and he is a member and co-founder of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security, focusing on interdisciplinary policy analysis.

"I decided to visit Westminster because, with an Environmental Studies program, there is sure to be plenty of interest in environmental issues," Maniates said.

The Distinguished Speaker Series, "Perspectives on the Environment," explores the impact of environmental issues in the arenas of economics, politics, education, religion, and national security.

Speakers for the series are chosen based on their ability to address environmental issues from their area of specialization and their speaking ability.

"We contact each possible speaker individually and make all arrangements directly with them. While there are speaker bureau services available, we prefer to deal directly with the speakers," said Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, a coordinator of the series.

As professor of both environmental policy and science, Michael Maniates is in a unique position to provide insight from both perspectives. His success with the pedagogical aspects of environmental studies is a testament to his unique brand of insight.

When asked if there was anything he was concerned about with his visit coming up very shortly, Professor Maniates laughed and said, "I just hope it doesn't snow while I'm on my way from Meadville."

"Mock" means pretend

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

The college's eighteenth Mock Convention commenced with a bang this past Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Berlin Student Lounge, where a diverse group of students attended the first event of the convention: Meet the Candidates.

In addition to meeting the candidates' campaign managers, attendees also had the opportunity to become delegates for the convention, earning a T-shirt and the opportunity to vote in the campus' mock election. Westminster's mock convention is the second oldest of its kind in the country, following only Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Steve Ruperto, senior executive chair, says there's a good reason the mock convention is always held for the party "out-of-power."

"It is likely that there will be more candidates and cause more excitement," Ruperto said.

For the convention, three key candidates, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama, are represented by their "campaign managers." Carsen Nesbitt, who is representing Clinton, is a member of College Republicans and is playing a liberal for the semester.

"I'm really excited to play a role I never otherwise would have played; switching ideals entirely," Nesbitt said.

Kelly Lipka, a senior political science major, will represent Barack Obama.

"My political affiliation is republican, which makes this Mock Convention all the more interesting," Lipka said. "I know a lot of people on campus feel that since they don't agree with the perspectives of any of the candidates that they should not get involved. But it is really the process of the Convention that we are stressing. I have learned so much about Barack Obama and all the other candidates through this convention that I would have never learned on my own. It has given me a perspective into the ideals of other people and how they want to implement their ideas."

Lipka also stresses the value of taking on the challenge of participating in the Convention.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Decolinization. That's not a typo.

I now declare this bridge OPEN!

Who ever heard of a "precapstone test??"

Brainsuckers are the worst.

We both said "froodlee!"

Fare thee well, dear FOPWOP.

I heart my Spanish dancing chicas!

Yay for friendly TUB workers!

I love you more than your computer does.

What happened to 90 degree October?

Stirfry Tuesdays are my fave.

Want to make a friend? Climb a tree!

What cruel person invented portfolios?

No remembro how to say "eleven."

Our light burned out! Heellppp!!

Go catch a chicken!

My RA is cooler than yours.

Iambic pentameter vs. prose

How long have we had scanners in the labs?

I didn't learn the term "super senior" 'til I was one.

Hide and Seek, anyone? Sardines, perhaps?

I am SO ready for fall break.

Catch you on the flipside.

For every sprinkle I find, I shall kill you.

Yo hablo francais.

Je parle espagnol.

ALGEBRAIC!!

Yay ringtones that both scare you and fill you with joy.

FALL SPORTS BLITZ!

Charlie horses can be quite pleasurable, you know.

Your mom.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glop: Apathy

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

When asked, "do you have any passions?" would probably be able to give at least one thing. Some people are passionate about their school work and others are passionate about a club or group in which they are a member.

When a student joins an organization, such as a Greek organization for instance, there has to be a reason for joining. Perhaps the student joins a service group because they are passionate about service or a political group because they are passionate about politics.

The reason I bring this up is because I believe passion is extremely important when joining the charter of one of these types of clubs or groups, especially Greek and other service groups.

If a student were to join a group solely to put the group's name on a job application or just because their friends are in it, that will do nothing but hurt the other members of the group who are passionate about the ideals and mission statement of said group.

They will do this through the overwhelming apathy that is sure to arise from them after mere months or even weeks as members of the organization.

Apathy can rip the very fabric of an organization to shreds; it does this because those members who are passionate about the organization naively assume everyone else cares as much as they do.

Passionate members will plan events that are larger than normal because they have a large group of people, but will find out quickly that they will not have the participation needed because most of the members seem to not have the time, to busy playing video games and sleeping in.

This of course leads to the project not being done and the reputation of the organization being adversely affected because they could not complete the work they promised to.

The worst part about apathy is that it spreads like a virus throughout organizations.

Passionate people can only take so much disappointment and letdown when they try to perform tasks and hold events before they begin to feel it is useless to even try to continue. This causes them to become apathetic as well and the apathy only continues to further cripple the organization.

So I have some advice for those who happen to find themselves apathetic on this campus. If you believed you were meant to join the organization at first because you believed in its ideals, but found you didn't want to continue, I applaud you for your original intent on joining.

Don't take this the wrong way however: get out. Don't let your newfound apathy ruin the group for those who still care. To those who joined for reasons other than the mission statement however, I have some advice for you:

To those of you who joined merely to put the organization on your job application, get out now; you already have the easy ticket you were looking for, let the rest of the group earn that name.

To those of you who joined just to hang out with friends, get out now; hang out with them some other time when you aren't hindering the work of those who are not lazy and who actually want to make a difference.

To those of you who joined just to wear letters or just to have an easy way into the exclusive fun events and parties, get out now; you do not deserve those events, they are for people who carry their weight.

All of this culminates to this one piece of advice I have for you. All the members of the organization who do in fact do their part know who doesn't.

When they get fed up with dealing with it and quit. You may find keeping the organization alive is not as easy as you thought.

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Let's Talk About: Manners

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

I'm no "Miss Manners." I'm the first to admit that. But the Westminster I fell in love with four years ago is no more.

There are no more "Hellos" from everyone you pass. There are hardly any doors held open for you. "Oops! Did I take your parking spot? Stinks for you!" It just seems like "politeness levels" fall every year.

And why? I really do not have a good answer for that question. Maybe the members of our quaint little community have become more "dog-eat-dog" than they were before.

Maybe nothing changed and I used to notice things that weren't really there. Maybe people just get ruder as they grow up and realize that it isn't necessary to be nice to everyone.

I grew up in the country; it was a lot like New Wilmington minus the stoplights and Amish. There, everyone waves at you from their car and you wave back from your porch because that's what people do, even if you don't know each other. It's like going back in time.

I spent this past summer, however, living in Washington, DC, and my ideas of good manners flew right out the window. Hardly anyone said "excuse me," strangers yelled at each other on the Metro, and most people didn't offer their seats to the elderly frail women. For the first few weeks, I was constantly shocked, but then I just got used to it.

Once, I had to ride the Metro to the airport to catch a flight home. During rush hour. First of all, each train was packed with at least 75 people like sardines.

Second of all, about 40 travelers were crowding around each door trying to pack themselves in with the rest. I let three trains go because I didn't want to push people out of the way. In other words, I didn't want to be as rude as they were all being.

I let so many trains go that I was going to be late for my flight, so it was time to lay down with the dogs. I pushed through the massive throng of people waiting for this train and made it on.

And when I say "pushed," I actually mean PUSHED. I think I pushed about three other women and a man out of my way to make it onto that train.

Did I mention I had luggage, too? But I made my flight, and at the time, that's all that mattered.

Is that why lots of people forget about manners? Are they just trying to make it through their days without any interruptions? Making it go as smoothly as possible without regard to anyone else? I think so.

And so I challenge you, Westminster, to learn from my selfish mistake. Care about the freshman walking behind you; hold the door open for him with a smile.

Let someone else have that prime parking spot and walk a few extra paces to your dorm. Say hello to that professor who made your life miserable last semester.

And take this challenge with you after graduation; we never know how much of an impact one small effort can make.

Allison Houser is a PR major, a Spanish minor, and a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority. And one day, she will marry Michael Bublé, despite all odds.

At what age does the schoolgirl become sexy?

By Sara Spivey
Spartan Daily -San Jose State

It's almost Halloween, my favorite holiday. I love everything about it -- the costumes, the candy, the parties. Halloween costume ideas have been working their way into many of my daily conversations, and in almost every publication I pick up, including the Spartan Daily, I see sales ads for costumes.

But something about most of the ads I see has been troubling me. The words "sexy," "adult," "lingerie," and "Playboy" seem to be plastered all over them. It is almost impossible to find a woman's costume that doesn't fit that theme.

Now don't get me wrong, I am a woman who desires to be sexy and attractive to my special person. But I don't see the need to take my sexy butt and parade it around town for every strange pair of ogling eyes to see.

I was discussing Halloween costumes with a single father who told me he was distraught that he had searched several local stores, but could not find a non-sexual costume for his pre-teen daughter.

He said he found only short skirts and bare midriffs.

"I don't want to send my daughter out looking like that," he said.

I finally understand why my mother insisted on sewing all of my Halloween costumes. And I thought my parents were just being cheap.

I don't believe sexuality is something that should be put on the bottom shelf in a brown paper bag, but what happens when we as a society put our sexuality so far out in the front that we cannot ever get away from it?

Pole dancing classes and My First Stripper Pole kits for kids.

No, it's not a joke.

"The Daily Telegraph," an Australian newspaper, published a story Oct. 8 about "pole fitness classes" held in Sydney, Australia for children as young as seven years old.

In October of 2006, the No. 1 chain store in Britain, Tesco, was forced to remove a pole-dancing kit called "Peekaboo" from the toys and games section of its Web site after a family with young children began a campaign against the sale, according to an article published in London's "The Daily Mail."

Or the stripper pole classes sensationalized on "Oprah" by none other than "Desperate Housewife" Teri Hatcher.

But when we're talking about children, we are not talking about stripping as an "art form" or as a way to stay in shape.

If a parent is concerned with their children's levels of fitness they should take them outside and play or run with them. They should sign them up for sports teams or martial arts, ballet or gymnastics classes.

When we allow children to be sexualized, we take away their ability to be carefree, happy children and begin to turn them into the sexy schoolgirl.

Whether shopping for Halloween costumes or taking pole-dancing classes, women should think about the example we are setting for the girls of the younger generation.

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Former Wild Things coach charged in fatal crash

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) _ A former Washington Wild Things minor league baseball team coach hasrecently been charged with killing two people while driving drunk.

Washington County District Attorney John Pettit says that 28-year-old Roy Jacobs II, of Louisville, Ohio, is charged with homicide by vehicle and related offenses.

Pettit says Jacobs left a team Christmas party on Dec. 2, 2005, in his truck and crossed I-70, colliding with an eastbound car in Canton Township.

Killed were Jacobs' passenger, Robert Bernardini, of Washington, and the other driver, Richard Morris, of Canonsburg.

Pettit says that Jacobs denied that he was driving but DNA tests performed on the steering wheel indicated that he was. Pettit says that Jacobs' blood-alcohol content was 0.14. The legal blood alcohol limit is 0.08.

Philadelphia's 1st gay male judge sworn in

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ The city of Philadelphia officially has the first openly gay male judge in its history.

Common Pleas Court Judge Daniel Anders, who has been hearing cases since mid-August, was taking the oath of office in a City Hall ceremony Thursday.

Anders, 39, previously was a litigator at the Pepper Hamilton law firm and a member of Gov. Ed Rendell's finance committee. He is the youngest of 93 judges in the city's Common Pleas Court.

"Being gay doesn't define who I am or impact my job in any tangible way, but maybe I can be a role model for some gay kid or inspire someone to get involved in politics," said Anders, who grew up in Lancaster.

In April, Rendell nominated Anders to fill a vacancy and he was confirmed June 30, making him the first openly gay male judge in Philadelphia, said Rendell spokesman Mike Marsico.

Andrew Chirls, the first openly gay chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, noted that Anders, a Democrat, was confirmed unanimously by the Republican-dominated state Senate.

"The fact that it's not a big deal is a big deal," Chirls said.

Pa. high school bans Confederate flags and increases security after racial confrontation

LITITZ, Pa. (AP) _ For years, a clique of high school students in this prosperous and overwhelmingly white borough have worn clothes adorned with Confederate flags and parked their pickups in a section of the school parking lot known as "redneck row."

The display, some parents of minority students say, was just one symptom of festering racism that school officials ignored until animosities boiled over last week.

That's when three white 16-year-old students allegedly yelled racial slurs and threw paper at minority students outside the 1,600-student Warwick High School.

School officials vowed to discipline the three students, tighten security and ban Confederate flags on school property. On Wednesday, police charged the three with disorderly conduct.

The "disturbing and repulsive" Oct. 3 confrontation was a "wake-up call" for Warwick High School, said Superintendent John George. "Perhaps we were lulled into a false sense that our school district was immune to racism and bigotry," he said.

Some students suspect the perpetrators were trying to imitate white students in Jena, La., who fanned racial tensions last year by hanging nooses from a tree outside a high school.

Police Chief William Sease said there's no evidence the suspects were influenced by the Jena case.

"What is racial intimidation? It's trying to have power over someone else," Sease said. "I think that's their motivation."

Erasmo Cora Jr., a Puerto Rican native whose 14-year-old son, Erik, was among the victims, said the school should expel all of the roughly dozen students who allegedly engaged in racist behavior.

"I'm not going to put up with it – my kid should have never went through this," Cora said. "Either they all get out, or we're just going to have to make a bigger issue of it."

The confrontation comes as a major disappointment to Cora. He moved his family from nearby Lancaster about a year ago, expecting his son to receive a better education than he could in Lancaster's troubled schools.

Erik Cora, a freshman, said he was hanging out by the flagpole with two boys – one black and one biracial – when the taunting occurred before the start of school. It broke up when the morning bell rang, but it also spawned rumors that some students planned to bring guns to school later in the week and start riots.

At a community meeting Monday, some parents said their earlier complaints about Confederate flag displays and racial slurs fell on deaf ears. Others complained that the district took too long to punish the perpetrators.

The superintendent said the incident was revealed only after a teacher overheard other students discussing it and alerted administrators. Although school officials were previously aware of "redneck row," they couldn't discipline students merely for displaying a Confederate flag, a symbol that has been protected under the First Amendment, he said.

"If there were signs of unrest, they were not evident to us at that point," George said.

The high school is just blocks away from a picturesque downtown, the hub of the borough of about 9,000 residents founded in 1756. Lititz is known for quaint shops, artists and Sturgis Pretzel House, which bills itself as America's first pretzel bakery, and is named after a Bohemian castle.

Taryn Burkman, who attended the high school last year, said she couldn't remember the "redneck row" clique causing any trouble in the past.

"They always had the flags, but they never did anything to the black kids," said Burkman, 17, who is white. "I don't understand why it all happened this year."

Others speculate that the perpetrators felt threatened by a growing but still tiny minority population at the high school. Hispanics account for roughly 3 percent and blacks 2 percent of this year's total enrollment.

"Last year, there was a little bit of racism, but it didn't surface as much because there weren't as many minorities," said Jasmine Whaley, a 15-year-old sophomore who is black. "I never thought I was in danger or anything, but this year it's starting to escalate more, so now I'm starting to get kind of worried."

Since Friday, police have been conducting daily patrols near the school and screening backpacks and book bags for weapons. Erik Cora said he feels the measures are excessive.

"Now kids are trying to feel sorry for me, and I don't want kids to feel sorry for me," he said.

NATIONAL

Student gunman in Ohio warned classmates of attack; records show history of mental problems

CLEVELAND (AP) _ A high school student said Thursday that he and classmates had warned their principal about threats by a classmate who shot and wounded four people before killing himself, and believed the attack could have been prevented.

The student, Rasheem Smith, said on CBS' "Early Show" that despite their warnings about the student who opened fire Wednesday, Asa H. Coon, principal Johneita Durant told them she was too busy.

"I told my friends in the class that he had a gun and stuff," said Smith, 15. "He was talking about doing it last week. I don't know why they didn't say nothing.

"We talked to the principal. She would try to get us all in the office, but it would always be too busy for it to happen," Smith said.

Responding on the show, schools CEO Eugene Sanders said the district would investigate. "We're going to review the entire situation over the course of today and tomorrow, make a determination of what has indeed occurred, and then see what the appropriate recommendations are, so we can move forward on Monday morning," he said.

A message left at Durant's office was not returned. A phone call to her home was not answered.

Wearing a Marilyn Manson shirt, black jeans and black nail polish, Coon opened fire with two revolves at the alternative school, wounding two students and two teachers. He had a history of mental problems and was known for cursing at teachers and bickering with students.

People at Coon's home late Wednesday declined to comment.

All classes in the city school district were canceled Thursday, and counseling was to be available for students.

Coon, who was suspended Monday for fighting with a classmate and was under suspension at the time of the shootings, had warned classmates of an attack, but none took him seriously.

"When he got suspended, he was like 'I got something for you all,'" said student Frances Henderson, who said she often got into arguments with Coon. "I guess this is what he had."

Coon, who was white, stood out in the predominantly black school for dressing in a goth style, wearing a black trench coat, black boots, a dog collar and chains, she said.

Henderson, who is black, she said she didn't believe race played a role in the shootings.

"He's crazy. He threatened to blow up our school. He threatened to stab everybody," said Doneisha LeVert, 14. "We didn't think nothing of it."

On Thursday, a spokeswoman said Sanders will give the Mayor Frank Jackson a plan by Friday at noon to address whether additional security measures are needed at the school and how the school identifies potential problems among students.

Police Chief Michael McGrath said Thursday that the preliminary investigation found that Coon entered the school and went to a fourth-floor bathroom, where he changed clothes and took items out of a duffel bag, possibly the weapons, and put them on his body. There was an armed security guard at the school's entrance, McGrath said, though it was not known how Coon got inside.

McGrath said Coon went to a specific classroom and shot the teacher and then, while looking for a second teacher, he fired some other shots, wounding a teacher who was trying to help students go to another floor, he said.

After the shootings, police found the guns: a .22- and a .38-caliber revolver, McGrath said. He also had a box of ammunition for each and three tactical folding knives.

McGrath said the guns are older, meaning it will take some time to trace them. He said officials would be talking to Coon's older brother and mother about the weapons.

Coon's troubles seemed to come to a breaking point this week. Students said Monday's fight was over God – Coon told his classmates he didn't believe in God and instead worshipped rocker Marilyn Manson.

McGrath said that since 2006, police had gone to Coon's home five times: for calls about domestic violence, an assault call, a property crime and a hit-and-run accident.

Coon had spent time in two juvenile facilities and threatened to commit suicide while in a mental health facility, according to juvenile court records obtained by The Plain Dealer newspaper.

The Department of Children and Family Services was called to Coon's home in 2000 because he had burns on his arms and scratches on his forehead, the newspaper said.

When he was 12, Coon was charged in juvenile court with domestic violence. His mother, Lori, had called police and told them her son slapped her and called her a vulgar name. She had been trying to intervene in a fight between Coon and his twin sister, The Plain Dealer reported.

He was also suspended from school last year for attempting to hurt a student, the newspaper said. "He used to cuss all the teachers out," said Henderson, 14.

The first person shot, 14-year-old Michael Peek, had punched Coon in the face right before the shootings began, Smith said.

Coon "came out of the bathroom and bumped Mike and he (Mike) punched him in his face. Mike started walking. He shot Mike in the side," said Smith.

Darnell Rodgers, 18, said he realized he had been shot when he felt his arm burning.

Rodgers was treated for a graze wound to his right elbow. He told NBC's "Today" on Thursday he didn't believe he was targeted.

"He just fired the gun," Rodgers said. "He didn't say anything."

Michael Grassie, a 42-year-old history teacher, underwent surgery Wednesday and remained in the hospital Thursday, and an official said his prognosis was very good.

Math teacher David Kachadourian, who was treated for a minor wound to the back of one shoulder, knew of no reason why Coon would target him.

"I never felt personally threatened or personally at risk," said Kachadourian, who had Coon is his beginning algebra class. "I had concerns about him, yes. He seemed like an angry young man. I did not fear for my own safety."

SuccessTech Academy, with about 240 students, is an alternative high school in the public school district that stresses technology and entrepreneurship.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Beloved Children's Author Marc Brown Draws Large Crowd to Campus

"Arthur & D.W." Characters Live in Ellwood City Named After Lawrence County's Town

Nearly 500 people turned out to greet acclaimed children's book author, illustrator and television producer Marc Brown as he spoke at Westminster College on Wednesday night. The creator of the "Arthur" books and the PBS television series is a Pennsylvania native and tells Titan Radio News his characters live in a town named after a Lawrence County community. He says "Arthur's" Ellwood City is indeed named after the Ellwood City here. He says he chose to set his stories in a town named Ellwood City because he knows people from Lawrence County and really liked the town's name.

Brown greeted fans after the lecture to answer questions, take pictures and sign books. Brown's characters come to life next week at Westminster College as the Celebrity Series brings the live stage production of "Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy" on Wednesday, October 17.

You can hear from Marc Brown as Titan Radio's Dave Barner talks one on one with him in this week's "Roundtable" program airing Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL

Turkey recalls ambassador for consultations over Armenian genocide bill

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) _ Turkey ordered its ambassador in Washington to return to Turkey for consultations over a U.S. House panel's approval of a bill describing the World War I-era mass killings of Armenians as genocide, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

The ambassador would stay in Turkey for about a week or 10 days for discussions about the measure, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Levent Bilman.

"We are not withdrawing our ambassador. We have asked him to come to Turkey for some consultations," he said. "The ambassador was given instructions to return and will come at his earliest convenience."

State Department spokesman Tom Casey, said he was unaware of Turkey's decision, but said the United States wants to continue to have good relations with Turkey.

"I'll let the Turkish government speak for itself," he said. "I think that the Turkish government has telegraphed for a long time, has been very vocal and very public about its concerns about this and has said that they did intend to act in very forceful way if this happens."

Private NTV television said Turkey's naval commander had canceled a planned trip to the United States over the bill.

Earlier, the U.S. ambassador to Turkey, Ross Wilson, was invited to the Foreign Ministry, where Turkish officials conveyed their "unease" over the bill and asked that the Bush administration do all in its power to stop the bill from passing in the full House, a Foreign Ministry official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make press statements.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee passed the bill Wednesday despite intense lobbying by Turkish officials and opposition from President Bush. The vote was a triumph for well-organized Armenian-American interest groups who have lobbied Congress for decades to pass a resolution. The administration will now try to pressure Democratic leaders in Congress not to schedule a vote, although it is expected to pass.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates reiterated his opposition to the resolution Thursday, saying the measure could hurt relations at a time when U.S. forces in Iraq rely heavily on Turkish permission to use their airspace for U.S. air cargo flights.

Relations are already strained by accusations that the U.S. is unwilling to help Turkey fight Kurdish rebels based in northern Iraq.

About 70 percent of U.S. air cargo headed for Iraq goes through Turkey, as does one-third of the fuel used by the U.S. military in Iraq. U.S. bases also get water and other supplies by land from Turkish truckers who cross into the northern region of Iraqi Kurdistan.

Historians estimate up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I, an event widely viewed by genocide scholars as the first genocide of the 20th century. Turkey, however, denies the deaths constituted genocide, saying that the toll has been inflated and that those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.

"It is not possible to accept such an accusation of a crime which was never committed by the Turkish nation," the Turkish government said Thursday. "It is blatantly obvious that the House Committee on Foreign Affairs does not have a task or function to rewrite history by distorting a matter which specifically concerns the common history of Turks and Armenians."

Armenian President Robert Kocharian welcomed the vote, saying: "We hope this process will lead to a full recognition by the United States of America ... of the genocide."

Speaking to reporters Thursday after meeting European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, Kocharian also appealed to Turkey to join talks on restoring bilateral relations.

Turkey is under no pressure from the EU to call the Armenian killings genocide. The European Commission criticized France last year when that country's lower house voted to make it a crime to deny the killings were genocide. The upper house did not take up the bill, so it never became law.

Turkey has warned that relations with the United States will suffer if the bill passes, but has not specified possible repercussions. U.S. diplomats have been quietly preparing Turkish officials for weeks for the likelihood that the resolution would pass, asking for a muted response.

Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said the Turks "have not been threatening anything specific" in response to the vote, and that he hopes the "disappointment can be limited to statements."

Turkey ended its military ties with France over its bill last year. But a decision to cut far more expansive military ties with the United States could have serious consequences for Turkey's standing as a reliable ally of the West.

"I don't think that Turkey will go so far as to put in doubt its whole network of allied relations with the United States," said Ruben Safrastian, director of the Institute of Eastern Studies of the Armenian National Academy of Sciences. "In the end, not only is the United States interested in Turkey, but Turkey is interested in the United States."

Adding to tensions, Turkey is considering launching a military offensive into Iraq against the Kurdish rebels – a move the United States strongly opposes because it could destabilize one of the few relatively peaceful areas in Iraq.

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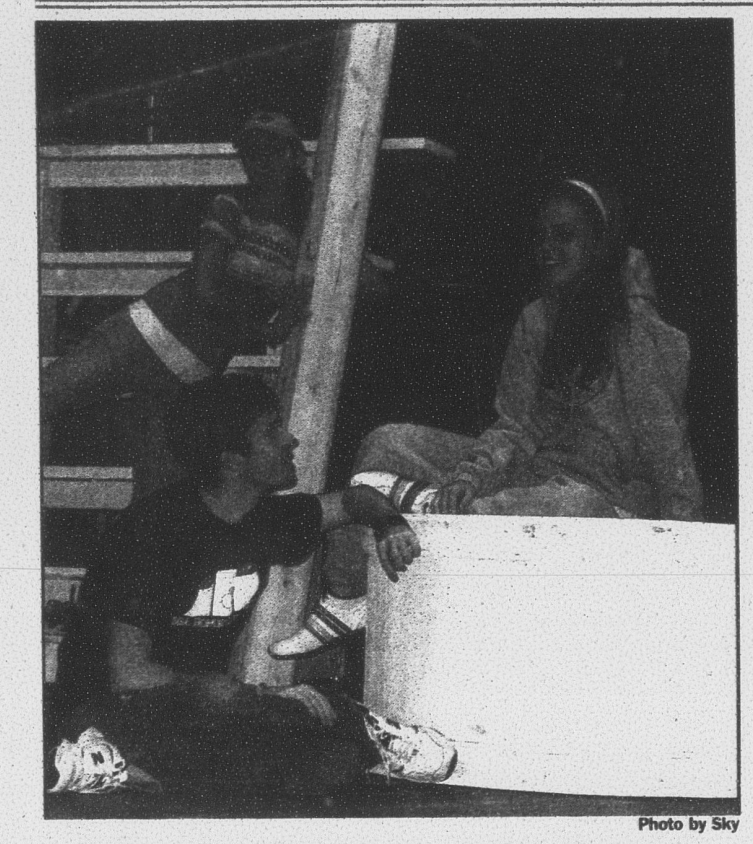

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Student-actors practice for the upcoming Shakespeare play *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

Theatre Westminster offers shows for all audiences

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

It may seem that summer has come and gone, but a different type of summer is around the corner, this time in the form of Theatre Westminster's newest production, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

Theatre Westminster's program, which has a resume that includes *The Count of Monte Cristo, The Crucible* and many other critically acclaimed plays, will perform this school year's first play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* in Beeghly Theatre from November 8 through 11, followed by *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* in February and *Quilter's* next April.

The college prides itself on having a balanced season, complete with plays and musicals that attract a variety of audiences.

"Some plays attract men more heavily than others do," theatre director Eileen Hendrickson said. "Every three to four years we try to bring in a classical play, such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*"

Anyone on campus can take part in the various productions (which can involve as many as 33 onstage actors, or as few as seven). In order to act in a production, students must audition for a part, which usually takes three to four nights. After auditioning, the director will decide if the student is the right person for that part, or possibly assign him to another part. Plays and musicals are open to both theatre majors and non-majors in an effort to give students an opportunity to perform.

Rehearsals, which take 5-6 weeks for every play, are Monday through Thursday, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., at an average of 12 hours per week. With some students balancing school, theatre and athletics, practice can be tiresome. However, practice is scheduled efficiently.

"We try to organize our rehearsals so no one wastes their time," Hendrickson said. "No one sits around."

With such a tight, efficient work schedule, one may not be surprised that many theatre productions sell out, which shows theatre is an important facet of college life.

"Theatre is enormously important," Hendrickson said. "It offers liberal arts students an opportunity to go the theatre to see a wide variety of plays and take part in them, something they may never do again."

Senior Barry Unis agrees.

"Westminster theatre productions provide students with something to do," Unis said. "Also, the directors do a really good job of putting together interesting shows, so it's always a good time."

Some students are able to use their theatre knowledge elsewhere in the world. Tracy Harmon, a senior who is currently studying in Belfast, Northern Ireland, reflects on the advantages Theatre Westminster has had on her career.

"The lessons we learn from such personally directed classes are priceless," Harmon said. "My fellow techmates here can't believe how much I can regurgitate about theatre history, technical aspects, or how many shows I have attended while having the opportunity to study theatre in America."

During her time abroad, Harmon feels fortunate to have a solid theatrical background.

"Overall, I feel that my studies of theatre at Westminster have helped me immensely in my studies here in Belfast," Harmon said. "We have research projects and small performance pieces to work on for classes almost every week, and the information I have already learned [at Westminster] has proved to be very valuable."

Tickets for theatre productions can be ordered by calling the box office at the extension 7241. Tickets are free for students and faculty.

Film series continues

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

The Jacob Erhardt International Film Series continued on Oct. 9 with the screening of the Iranian film *Offsides.*

Jafar Panahi directed the 2006 film, which tells the story of the interaction between young men and women. In Iran, women are forbidden from attending male athletic events.

The main characters were 18-20 year old men and women. Dr. Andrew Ade, assistant professor of English, explained the Iranian characters as "our counterparts over there."

The film follows young women who dress as men in an attempt to sneak into a soccer match. Upon being caught, they spend the remainder of the game in an enclosed area outside the stadium with the Iranian guards who are placed in charge of them.

The women ask the guards why they are not permitted in the stadium. Reasons including language and paternalistic nature of their culture are mentioned.

In their conversations, the statement "I don't know why a man and a woman can't sit together" comes up. However, a man and a woman (the guards and Iranian women) are sitting together having a conversation. It is possible.

Offsides won "Best Film" at the 2006 Amnesty International Film Festival and the "Jury Grand Prize" at the 2006 Berlin Film Festival.

"The film was interesting because it allowed you to look at a country through a different lens," Sophomore Amanda Ehrhardt said. "Women have a great struggle, but you never see them fighting back."

The Iranian Ministry of Guidance banned this film, however, prior to the World Cup in 2006, bootleg copies were distributed around the country. The film prompted petitions allowing women to attend sporting events and started a movement that is ongoing.

The Jacob International Film Series screens five to six experimental and international films each academic year depending on the budget and cost of performance rights.

Last year sophomore Ryan Sargent and LLP student Matt Bower organized a fundraiser for the film series. Bower and Sargent believe that the film series is "fantastic for a liberal arts school."

When asked why students should attend the film series, Dr. Ade said, "Cinema is the international creative language."

"To watch movies from abroad introduces us to the lives and ideas of the rest of the world. True learning involves places you'll never visit," Ade added.

The Jacob Erhardt International Film Series is named in honor of Jacob Erhardt, professor emeritus of German, who retired in 2004. Erhardt founded the series during his thirty-six years at Westminster.

For the fall semester, Dr. Ade wanted the films to come from a range of countries and represent Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

The first film was the 2004 *House of Flying Daggers* from China. He found an outstanding film from the Middle East with *Offsides.* This semester will conclude with Jean-Pierre Melville's 1969 film *Army of Shadows* on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00pm in theMueller Theatre.

Make a Difference Day

By Timothy Malone
Campus Writer

Those on campus and around the country will be doing what they can to make a difference on October 27.

Make A Difference Day, a nationally sponsored event by USA Weekend Magazine, takes place on the fourth Saturday of each October. Shane Killian, who is directing the effort through his work at the Drinko Center, estimates a dozen projects will be completed by campus groups.

One local effort aimed at giving aid to people on an international level is the Healing Hands Project. Merianne McGill, coordinator of the Westminster Fund, is supervising this effort to help the New Wilmington Girl Scout troop 317 collect supplies for small medical kits to be sent to Iraqi families with small children.

"We believe by reaching out to the children of Iraq, we are sending a message of compassion, while it helps the girls become more service and mission minded," McGill said. "Just a small part of 'making a difference' in our world."

The audio visual department also plans to help by assisting the city Rescue Mission with a project.

"I work in the audio visual office on campus, and we are coordinating a food/supply drive with the City Rescue Mission for Make a Difference Day," senior Amy Carroll said. "The plans are still being finalized, but we are planning on collecting items in our office and opening it up to the campus as well."

Alpha Gamma Delta will also be participating in Make A Difference Day by hosting a painting pumpkins activity with the residents at the Shenango Home.

Other projects being planned, include adopting a highway, giving books to elementary school students, helping local residents with chores and doing projects through Habitat for Humanity.

While most of the activities are being coordinated through campus groups, individuals are also encouraged to do what they can to make a difference.

"Make A Difference Day is a chance for people who ordinarily might not take time out of their day to go out and help some people," Killian said.

Killian saw an organized Make A Difference Day campaign while attending Allegheny College, and after coming here decided to spread the word. This year will be the college's first official participation in the event, which is in its 17th year.

Make A Difference Day is not only sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine, but also has a partnership with the Points of Light Foundation. Actor and director Paul Newman, who also contributes $10,000 in awards to charities volunteers through his Newman's Own Foundation.

Fifteen things to do with a newspaper - besides throw it away

1. **Line the veggie drawer of your refrigerator to keep your produce smelling fresh.**
2. **Stuff in the cracks of windows and under doors for extra insulation**
3. **Use as a pot holder for taking hot food out of the oven (or microwave for us dorm dwellers)**
4. **Roll it up and look through it pretending to be a pirate (Aarrgh!)**
5. **Shred and take to the campus field station for the compost**
6. **Stuff boots or purses when storing to help keep their shape.**
7. **RECYCLE**
8. **Put it by the toilet to read**
9. **Put it by the toilet in case you run out of toilet paper**
10. **Crumble it up, soak in a solution of equal parts water and vinegar, and use as a window cleaner**
11. **Three corner hat...need I say more?**
12. **Put it on the windowsill and discover the magic of fading (Oooh...Aaah)**
13. **Shred it to make confetti for a makeshift surprise party**
14. **Roll it up and use it to whack your roommate over the head when they get out of line.**
15. **RECYCLE**

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Student effort to revive Model UN

Laurel Sprague
Campus Writer

Two college students are making an effort to revive the Model United Nations here on campus.

Meredith Smith and Jelena Gerga, both international politics majors, have organized the Model UN to be an official organization on campus and are striving to recruit students to participate.

"There was a Model UN at the school before. I did it during my freshman year," Gerga said. "It just wasn't an official group. Then when the advisor left, it just kind of stopped."

Members of the Model UN participate by creating a mock version of the United Nations. Students are assigned a country and are asked to research the country as if they were going to represent it. An international problem is chosen and members of each country are asked to represent their country's views about the situation.

"It makes it more real and you can understand how the United Nations works," Gerga said.

Smith, a freshman who helped Gerga with the organization, has high expectations for the Model UN. She hopes to get the organization involved in competitions and also host high school Model UN competitions on campus.

"The people who are involved already show a strong passion for the issues at hand, and they are great with thinking outside the box!" Smith said. "It's such a large part in learning about the international community and how to look at the countries and the situations in a non-bias manner."

Both students stress that the organization is not just for international politics majors and that anyone is welcome to join. They hope to link students together through a common interest and get the community involved.

"MUNWC is all about helping the campus. That's why we are here! I really wanted to participate in MUN in college so I talked it over with Dr. Aleprete and Jelena and with a blink of an eye student support was gained and strong interest was created," Smith said.

Smith considers the Model UN as a way for students to apply what they learned in the classroom and convert it into a much bigger spectrum.

"I really want this to happen because it's an important national process," Gerga said.

The group's first official meeting has yet to be announced, but should occur within the next three weeks.

Library

From A-1

There have been a few complications along the way. When construction started on the ground floor, workers realized the concrete floor would need to be reinforced to withstand the weight of the new compact shelving units. Tearing up some of the floor, they realized that some of the soil beneath was very wet which could cause problems in the future. Therefore, a set of drains had to be installed. This installation caused a slight delay in the construction. Such delays have caused concern for some students.

"I'm excited for the new facilities, but it is really frustrating having to wait for periodicals or try to concentrate when there is construction going on all around you," senior Bethany South said. "It would be nice if the quality of the library didn't have to suffer while we wait for the renovations to be finished."

Another complication developed when the computer lab was being moved into its current location. The technology that was needed in the ceiling was very heavy. Workers had to reinforce the ceiling.

"Many students don't know that there's a huge steel beam reinforcing that ceiling," Romig said.

For the most part, construction has run smoothly. The few complications have been dealt with, and students can expect still more changes after next summer.

Mock Convention

From A-1

"I have already gained an appreciation of the difficulty in coordinating an event of this magnitude, and have found an appreciation for the different perspectives of the candidates," she said. I am hoping that this experience will encourage students to discuss politics a little more than they do and that they will take an interest in the election coming up."

Dan Milcarzyk, a senior history major, is representing John Edwards. Milcarzyk says his candidate is currently considered the "media underdog," and is running his grassroots campaign based on the slogan "Let the Debate Decide." Milcarzyk says he also has a very different approach than the other candidates to meeting potential delegates.

"I have a personal approach to it," he said. "I meet them face-to-face instead of waiting for them to come to me."

Junior Jacob Shaffer, public relations chair, was excited at the amount of students interested in the convention.

"We're all really pleased that we had a better turn out than expected," Shaffer said.

Junior attendee Stephanie Niziol was excited about meeting the candidates.

"I came tonight because I would like to be more politically involved," Niziol said.

Students should remember that it is not necessary to be a member of the Democratic Party to participate in the mock convention. All students are welcome regardless of political affiliation.

Delegate signups will continue until November 2 in the TUB during lunch hours. The price is $5 per delegate. The next event will be the Candidate Debate on October 30 at 6 p.m. in the Witherspoon Maple Room.

Fall break procedures

The process here and around the area

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

As fall break rapidly approaches, the campus community gets ready to pack up and move out for a break from classes, homework and tests.

Dorms are in the process of going through the fall break moving out procedures before the campus community leaves.

"There are a few easy processes students have to do in order to leave for break," Assistant Director of Resident Life Matthew Shaffer said. "These procedures are necessary to save energy, minimize fires and for safety reasons."

All dorms receive a checkout sheet from the building's resident advisor providing the information necessary to leave.

Each resident empties their garbage, closes and locks windows, unplugs all electrical devices except refrigerators and locks their doors. Before residents leave they sign and date the checkout sheet.

Students staying on campus over break are required to fill out a form which is provided at Student Affairs.

The student's signature, reason for staying and the resident director's signature are also required in order to stay.

Rules of the dorms are refreshed to each student staying, and it is stressed that visitors are not allowed in the dorms.

In addition, dining services shut down for break, so food is not provided for those on campus and each student is responsible for their meals.

Some students involved in athletics or college-related activities have dining arrangements made. However, out-of-state students are responsible for finding their own food.

"It is really inconvenient having food not provided on campus when I can't go home to Minnesota over breaks," senior Amanda Bohler said. "I go to the grocery store before break and cook in the room, or I get fast food."

At other colleges, the procedures are different for fall break. At Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., the students are not required to follow certain procedures.

Students are not mandated to leave, and it is left up to the individual to stay on campus or go home for break.

Checkout sheets are not filled out by students; however resident advisors will perform random room searches for alcohol and safety hazards in the dorm rooms.

"Every year a trip is provided for foreign exchange students and students who live on the other side of the country," Mercyhurst College freshman Amy Zatsick said. "This year the trip is to Canada which is really great for students who do not have a place to go or want to stay on campus for break."

Clarion University does not require moving out procedures as their fall break is the Autumn Leaf Festival, an event celebrating homecoming weekend. However, for other breaks, students are required to follow similar standard procedures as here on campus.

"Students who are from out of state are only required to fill out paperwork if they wish to stay on campus for breaks," Clarion University junior Courtney Kilburn said. "It usually is a quick and easy process, nothing too complicated."

Procedures for all breaks on campus are similar to the fall break move out process. Accommodations are constantly made for each student, so the process will be quick and simple, and students can leave promptly.

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Silk Road Fair Trade Market in New Wilmington recently expanded

By Gretchen Fatula
Campus Writer

Wendy Farmerie, a native of New Wilmington, was a former international buyer who grew tired of seeing dishonest dealings in her company. She quit her job, and opened the Silk Road Fair Trade Market.

The Silk Road is stocked with crafts, clothes, and food from 54 different countries including the United States, all contained in six rooms. The Silk Road originally had three rooms, in June of this year an additional three were added.

All of the products from the Silk Road are fair trade certified, or ethically traded. This means that the people that produce the crafts are guaranteed fair wages, safe working conditions, and paid overtime.

Not only are they paid fair wages, they are given living wages whenever possible. A living wage can support a family with food, shelter, safe drinking water, and an education.

The Fair Trade Federation supports programs the center around environmental protection. Many of the products are made from wood, bark, recycled silk, telephone wire, or tin.

"We also support women's empowerment projects," Farmerie said.

The women's projects are centered in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. The projects aim to grant independence to women who normally would not be permitted to have jobs.

Other efforts that are important to the Fair Trade Federation are peacemaking and community rebuilding. The Fair Trade Federation is working to help the people of Rwanda rebuild their country.

In many families, children have to work as well. The Fair Trade Federation provides children with the opportunity to learn the crafts of their country and help to support their families as well. The children are also able to spend part of their day in school instead of working in sweat shops with deplorable conditions.

"I like the fact that I can shop for cool purses and support underprivileged children at the same time," junior Karen Vesely said.

The Fair Trade Federation has three cooperatives in the United States. Programs are offered to the homeless that supplies them with job training, and then they are able to become employed and eventually will no longer be living on the streets.

The Silk Road is having an open house on November 9th and November 10th. Their will be free food and door prizes.

"I can not wait to go to the open house and buy all of my Christmas presents there for my family," senior Ben Knauff said.

Holiday crafts are coming out November 1st, featuring Christmas ornaments made from recycled tin pots created by African orphans who lost their parents to AIDS.

Photo by Nicky Piszczor

Fair trade produced baskets for sale in the newly expanded Silk Road at Market and Neshannock Streets.

"Voyages of the Mind" opens heavens to campus

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

One thing that connects all cultures, both past and present, is the stars in the night sky.

The college's planetarium is putting on a show examining how ancient cultures viewed the sky. After the show, weather permitting, the audience will take a look at the current night's sky from the observation deck on the roof of the Hoyt Science Center.

"The shows are aimed at a general audience with an interest in astronomy," physics professor Dr. Lightner said.

"The current show looks at several different ancient cultures including the Egyptians, Chinese, and Native Americans and the way in which astronomical event shaped the cultures."

The upcoming show entitled "Voyages of the Mind" is on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for two weeks starting on October 25, 26 and 27 and then again on November 1, 2 and 3. The shows run from 7:30 to 8:30 in the evening.

"The shows usually turn out really nice and I learn a lot from them," sophomore physics major Marilyn Magenis said. "These shows are pretty interesting, even if you aren't really that into science."

The upcoming show starts by examining the Egyptian's belief in the sun god Ra, and how his association with death could have been the inspiration for building the pyramids.

The show then crosses cultures to take a look at how the Chinese predict solar eclipses, how they established their calendar and how they constructed the points on a sundial.

The show concludes by discussing how the Native Americans made astronomical predictions by constructing different structures such as those in Chaco Canyon.

"We usually get a full turnout for the shows, and we are able to seat about 45 people per show," Lightner said. "The public shows draw in a lot of people from off campus too, and we really get a wide variety of people interested."

All the shows are free; however, reservations are required due to a limited number of seats. To make reservations, call 724-946-7200 or e-mail phys@westminster.edu.

"We try to do one or two public shows a semester, and all that we do with the Planetarium would not be possible without the students' help," Lightner said.

In addition to holding public shows, the Planetarium holds shows for various school groups and classes both on and off campus, such as the science methods course which studied lunar cycles. The Planetarium has also done special shows for local scout groups and outreach programs.

"I enjoy being part of the planetarium staff because of the involvement we have with the outside community," Student Planetarium Director Lisa Gayetsky said.

"A large portion of our audience tends to be people who live in New Wilmington, especially kids, and are interested in astronomy."

The Planetarium works with a network of other planetariums to develop shows and decide on themes for upcoming events. The shows include professional narration that accompanies the visuals of the film.

"In the past, we have done some original shows ourselves, but the majority have been put together by professionals and we have adapted them to be presented here," Lightner said.

At the end of the semester, the Planetarium is planning to present a Christmas show that will look at how different holiday events and traditions are tied together by astronomical events.

Dr. Lightner claims that the Christmas show is a favorite of his. Other memorable past shows include the show last year that focused on the results from the Hubble telescope and a show done several years ago in which the visuals were captured from a Hawaiian mountaintop.

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- The Native American use of mounds and structures for astronomical predictions such as those in Chaco Canyon

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Nov. 7th **Nov. 8th**

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October 11th-19th
October 24th-November 2nd
11am-1pm in the TUB
$5 per delegate (includes t-shirt)

Candidate Debates
October 30th
7pm
Witherspoon Rooms

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Wind Ensemble presents the "Young Conductors Concert"

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

The Wind Ensemble will present its first concert of the year on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m in Will W. Orr Auditorium.

The Wind Ensemble is under the direction of Dr. R. Tad Greig, Director of Instrumental Activities and Assistant Professor in Music Education.

The musicians will perform seven selections including: Hounds of Spring (Alfred Reed), Pageant (Vincent Persichetti), Chorale and Shaker Dance (John Zdechlik), Canzona (Peter Mennin), and The Sinfonians (Clifton Williams).

The remaining two pieces, The Fall of the House of Usher and Pirates! are composed by local talent. Senior Music Education major composed The Fall of the House of Usher and Mr. Travis J. Weller, Director of Bands at Mercer Area Middle-Senior High School, composed Pirates!.

Jacob Moon's composition is part of his honors project. The Fall of the House of Usher is based on Edgar Allen Poe's "The Fall of the House of Usher."

"The Requiem, which will premier on the 26th, is the third movement of the entire work, and is the only movement that does not include narration from Poe's classic story. It is, instead, a parenthetical statement, and a sort of a comic relief, that gives the audience an emotional break in the midst of a very intense narrative," Moon explained.

Joining the Wind Ensemble on Moon's movement will be senior Sheila Barnhart on Piano and junior vocalists Ashley Cesaratto and Alicia Tansey. Cesaratto and Tansey will sing the traditional Requiem "Introit."

The highlight of the Wind Ensemble concert will be the three student conductors. Through audition at the beginning of the academic year, senior Jacob Moon and juniors Jonathan Nickel and James P. Scanga were selected as winners of the "Young Conductors Competition."

Dr. Greig began the competition four years ago as an educational benefit for music students. It allows students to further apply and practice the concepts and skills received throughout the music program.

"Dr. Greig hosted the competition, in part, because he has noticed a lot of very talented conductors coming through the music department, and his observation has become very apparent throughout the tryout and rehearsal processes," Moon explained.

The three students are honored and excited to be conducting the Wind Ensemble.

"It is an honor for me to have the pleasure of conducting the Westminster Wind Ensemble," Moon said.

"I am very excited to have this great opportunity to be able to work with some of the finest musicians and students here at Westminster," explained Nickel, who will conduct Hounds of Spring.

Scanga added that he is "very honored to have been given the opportunity to work with the Wind Ensemble in preparation for this concert."

These three students put in a lot of work in preparation for the concert.

Moon speaks about the opportunity as being "a great growth opportunity."

Scanga agreed, adding "The process of analyzing my piece and leading rehearsals has been both a thrill and a positive learning experience."

The Wind Ensemble encourages the college community to attend the concert, support the fellow musicians, and enjoy a great night of music.

The concert is free to the public.

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Area offers many places to enjoy the fall foliage

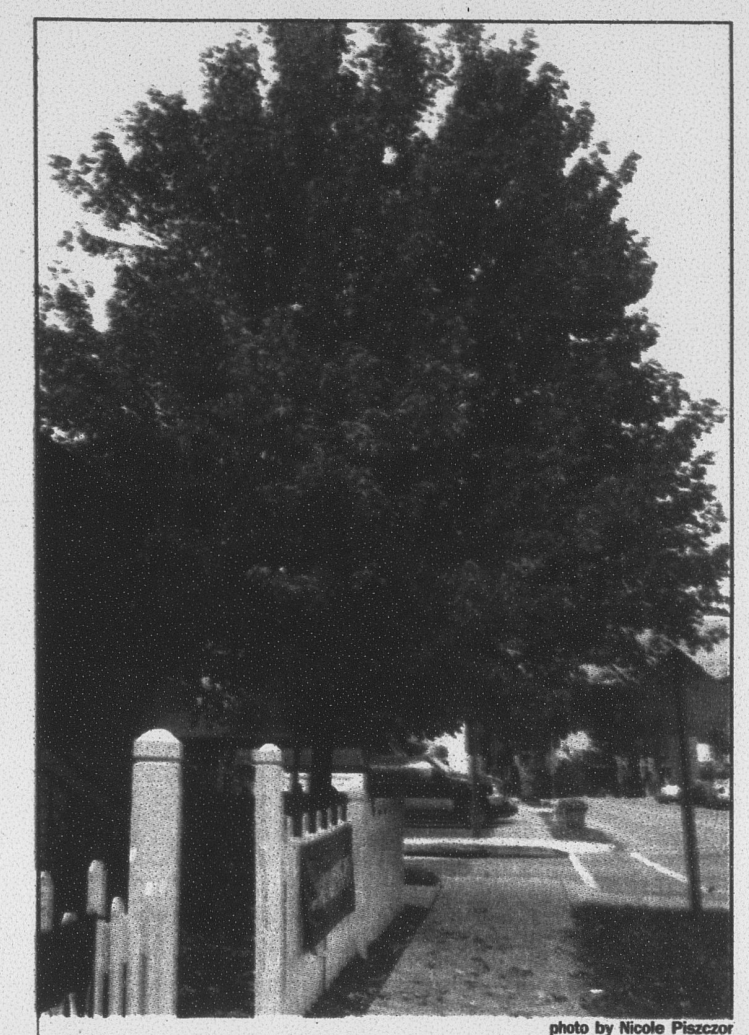

photo by Nicole Piszczor

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

It is often nice to be able to enjoy a leisurely walk, hike, or run through a woodland area without having to worry about school work or other stressful responsibilities of college life.

Many trails around campus serve as opportunities to get away for awhile.

One of the two trails that the college has to offer is the Lucile Frey Nature Trial, a 50-acre plot, which runs through a wetland and extends from Brittain Lake to the Fayette-New Wilmington Road. A footbridge crosses the Neshannock Creek and continues east about half a mile with a combination of boardwalks and grassy paths.

Our second trail is fan old railroad bed. It leads from Brittain Lake south to New Castle. These trails are only part of the Outdoor Laboratory. Brittain Lake and the college woods are also part of the college's outdoor experience.

Kati Edmiston works in the Career Center and walks these trails and more on a regular basis.

"These three facilities [college trails] have an integrating theme; education in the out-of-doors," Edmiston said. "All are multi-use places. This means that the public, and especially children are invited to come and benefit form these laboratories in the world of nature."

Other great places to find trails outside the college include Jennings Environmental Education Center, Woodland Trials, Maurice K. Goddard State Park, McConnell's Mills State Park, Moraine State Park, and Cook's Forest State Park.

Jennings Environmental Education Center is located 12 miles north of Butler on Rt. 528. One of the parks main attractions is its 20-acre prairie ecosystem, home to endangered massasauga rattlesnakes and distinctive prairie flower. It also provides opportunities for hikers, allowing them to hike over 5 miles of trails through different terrain and habitats.

The Woodland Trails is made up of 11 different trails including Black Cherry, Deer, Glacier Ridge, Hepatica, Massasauga, Oakwoods, Old Elm, Old Field, Old Mill, Ridge, Wetlands Kiosk, and Woodwhisper. Together these trails consist of 4.54 miles worth of easy, moderate, and difficult hiking ventures.

Maurice K. Goddard State Park is 5 minutes from I-79. Maurice consists of 2,856 acres. Its attractions include the 1,860-acre Lake Wilhelm, abundant wetlands, eagles, waterfowl, and fields and forests that provide habitats for wildlife. The park also has three trails making up 14 miles.

McConnell's Mills State Park is about 40 minutes away in Lawrence County. It makes up 2,546 acres of the Slippery Rock Creek Gorge. McConnell's has four different trials. Alpha Pass, for moderate hikers and is 1.5 miles. Hells Hollow is 0.5 miles and designed for easy hiking.

Kildoo is a 2 mile hike for moderate hikers. The first 200 yards is paved for self-guiding, while the rest continues on rocky terrain. The last trial at McConnell's is the Slippery Rock Gorge. The Gorge is a 6.2 mile difficult hike through very steep terrain. Hikers should allow at least 4.5 hours to complete Gorge. McConnell's also has many beautiful waterfalls and areas for rock climbing.

Moraine State Park is in North West PA near the crossroads of I-79 and I-80. It has a total of six different trails including Sunken Garden 3 miles of moderate hiking, Hilltop 3 miles of moderate hiking, Pleasant Valley Trail 2.6 miles of easy hiking, Wyggeston 1.5 to 4.5 miles of moderate to difficult hiking, Glacier Ridge 14 miles of difficult hiking, and Five Points 1.5 miles of easy hiking.

Cook's Forest State Park is about 1 hour away, but according to Field Station director Clarence Harms, it is well worth the drive. Cook consists of 27 marked trials over rolling hills and cool valley streams. Together the trails make up 29 miles. Cook is best known for its old growth forest, Fire Tower/Seneca Point. The Clarion River is another main attraction.

"These trails and hiking provide a chance to put life into perspective," Harms said. "Theoroe said that trials are a good time to recharge the spirit. I believe that to be true. The birds, insects, leaves, and especially the fresh air are accelerating."

A couple other places to hike are the Pennsylvania State Game Land and Pearson Park. However, according to Edmiston it is important to remember that it is hunting season. Therefore, it is best to hike in the game lands on Sundays, when hunting is prohibited. If hikers plan to hike game land trails during the week they should wear bright orange so they are easily visible.

Students present research in Harrisburg

By Shayna Marti
Campus Writer

Students and faculty members traveled to Harrisburg on Oct. 2 to participate in "Undergraduate Research at the Capitol – Pennsylvania."

The event was a poster conference which gave students the opportunity to present undergraduate research projects to state legislators. Last summer, faculty members were asked to nominate students who would have research projects ready to present in the fall. The two students selected to represent Westminster were seniors Anna Sparacino and Brett Turk.

Sparacino, a mathematics major with a minor in secondary education, presented her research project entitled, "The Evolution of the ABO Blood Group: A Mathematical Model." To prepare for the conference, Sparacino created a poster and a brief speech to explain her findings during the two hour presentation.

"We presented our research to anybody who came to our poster," Sparacino said. "The conference was meant to provide the representatives some insight on the world of undergraduate research in our state."

Turk, a psychology-human resources major, began his undergraduate research last semester and continues to do so as part of his Senior Capstone. He presented his project, "A Content-Based Typology of Idiosyncratic Working Arrangements." Not only was the conference a way to share his research with others, but it was also a learning experience for himself.

"I learned how to go about making a poster," Turk said. "You have to look at layout and those sorts of things, but it was good to learn, especially because you aren't trained to do that in psychology."

Once the students had finished presenting their posters, they toured the House of Representatives. Then students were given the opportunity to sit on the floor of the House during one of the sessions of the legislators.

"There's a lot of really nice architecture in the House," Turk said. "It was a good experience, because I've never been to Harrisburg before."

Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, was part of the organizing committee. The committee invited about half of the Pennsylvania colleges and universities to participate in the fall conference, and the other half will be invited to participate in the spring.

"Since Westminster is participating in the organizing committee, we'll be sending students to both events," Tomlinson said. "The plan is for this to become an annual event at the Capitol."

Along with Tomlinson, the other faculty members who attended the conference were Dr. Carolyn Cuff, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Jamie McMinn, assistant professor of psychology and chair of Turk's honor board.

"It was exciting to see students share their research with individuals who are not familiar with the work being done by students today," Tomlinson said. "The legislators were very impressed!"

After graduation, Sparacino plans to teach mathematics at either the middle school or high school level. Turk plans to work in management consulting for a few years and eventually go into a management Ph.D. program.

Marc Brown speaks on campus

Author tells audience of 500 about his life, work

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Author and illustrator of a best-selling book series and an Emmy award-winning television series, Marc Brown, spoke on campus on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The creator of Arthur the aardvark was introduced by Dr. Amy Camardese, organizer and planner of Brown's presentation on October 10. The event was sponsored by SGA, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Delta and the department of education. Free and open to the public, more than 500 people attended. Brown discussed his life, his work and his personal views on the importance of reading.

"I think it was an honor to have such a well-known, accomplished author, illustrator and educator on our campus," assistant director of Celebrity Series Connie McGinnis said. "So, I think that it was a wonderful experience to be able to hear him talk about his life and his writing."

According to www.pabook.libraries.psu.edu, Brown has won six Emmy Awards and a Peabody award for his children's books.

Brown grew up not far from here in Erie, Pa., and attended the Cleveland Art Institute. He worked as a truck-driver, television art director and assistant college professor before becoming the successful author and illustrator he is today.

The creation of Arthur the aardvark came about while Brown was telling his son a bedtime story. Eventually, this story became the first Arthur book, Arthur's Nose. Brown was reluctant about televising Arthur, but agreed when the Public Broadcasting System made an offer.

"The bottom line is that I fear that there are fewer young kids being read to at home with their families," Brown said, "because it's an opportunity for families to share not only that story, but to personalize a book in very special ways."

During his presentation, Brown discussed his life and work. He also focused on issues about decreasing sales in picture books, shocking illiteracy statistics in the United States and childhood obesity.

Audience members found Brown's sense of humor entertaining and his views worthy of concern. His most recent book is called Wild About Books and was written by Judy Sierra as a 100th birthday gift for Theodor Seuss Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. Brown ended his presentation by reading this story to the audience.

"I think the presentation had a very positive effect," Camardese said. "Twenty-five percent of our students on Westminster's campus are education majors, so for him to be able to speak inspires them and confirms that what they're doing is a good thing."

The Arthur Live stage show, Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy, will be on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. While the 10:30 p.m. show is already sold out, tickets are still available for the 6:30 p.m. show.

Spirit of Halloween in full force with numerous local activities

By Stefan Schneider
Staff Writer

As October proceeds and fall steadily sets in, it is time for that one holiday that welcomes door-to-door begging: Halloween.

Keeping to the (pun intended) spirit of Halloween, several local organizations are preparing haunted houses for the enjoyment of all. Among these attractions is the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity's annual haunted house fundraiser. It will be held between 8-10 p.m. from Wednesday, Oct. 24 until Friday, Oct. 26.

"The haunted house, as in past years, will be a walk-through with different themes on each floor and room, and all in good fun," President of Alpha Sigma Phi Andrew Saporito said.

Entry to the haunted house will cost a minimum donation of two dollars, with any further donations welcomed but optional. This year, the earnings will be divided with half going to the New Wilmington Fire Department and the other half to be used for brotherhood events for the fraternity.

There are still other Halloween-themed events to attend in the area. Lawrence County is host to a myriad of events.

One upcoming event is the Cannibal Country Hayride and Amazing Trail of Terror. Started on September 28, this attraction will be open until Halloween day. Located at Kenny Farms in Enon Valley, the event is held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout October, opening specially from Monday through Wednesday on the week of Halloween.

Another event in Lawrence County is the Halloween Open House at the Lawrence County Historical Society in New Castle. Held from 6:30 until 9 p.m. on October 20, the event will feature candlelight tours, scary folklore, dramatic readings and refreshments. Admission for adults is five dollars, for children over 12 is two dollars, and children under 12 are free.

Mercer County also has its fair share of Halloween seasonal events.

The first among these is the Coolspring Corn Maze, located 3.5 miles northeast of Mercer on state route 62. This attraction includes not only a corn maze, but also a hayride. The maze alone is five dollars, the hayride alone is four dollars and both together is eight dollars for admission. It is held Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In Greenville, there will be a Halloween parade at 1 p.m. The parade will be held on Main Street in Greenville with cash prizes provided for specific categories in the parade.

Sharon will be hosting Ghoul Mansion 2007, now in its thirteenth year. This attraction has been open since September 28, and includes a variety of attractions. Along with the haunted house, there is also Ghoul Golf, a nine-hole black light miniature golf course, and Ghoultar Hero, where participants challenge Ghoul Mansion monsters to a game of Guitar Hero.

There are several attractions in Pittsburgh as well. Among these is the Scarehouse, a haunted house open from Thursday through Sunday until October 28. Located at 118 Locust Street in Pittsburgh, the Scarehouse is host to two terrifying haunted houses for the price of one.

Although this is a cross-section of local and not-so-local events, it is hardly a complete list. For more information, visit local county websites or online haunted house lists that can be broken down by state and county.

"Several local organizations are preparing haunted houses for the enjoyment of all."

Feminist club is not bra burners or men-bashers

By Bill Shondelmyer
Operations Manager

Every Wednesday night at 7p.m., a group of students meets at Mugsie's to discuss issues ranging from child prostitution to gender roles.

Since gaining recognition from the Student Life Activities Committee in April of this year, the Feminist Club has been meeting to discuss a variety of issues, with a strong focus on equality and the problems of both genders.

"Our meetings are relatively flexible and free-flowing," senior Danica Scott said. "Anyone can come in with an issue or an opinion."

Despite their name, the feminist club does not focus entirely on women's issues, but instead on equality between the genders. "Being a feminist is not about believing your vagina makes you powerful, it's about believing in equality among the genders," the club's president, junior Rebecca Penn, said.

Supporting this claim is the group's makeup, which consists of both women and men. At the Oct. 10 meeting, half of the attendees were men, all of whom contributed to the conversation. "The reason why we have a strong male turnout is because feminism nowadays is equalism," sophomore Brendan Keiper said.

While the goal of the group is to promote equality, anyone is welcome, "even female haters," Scott said. "When you are forced to defend your own beliefs, you find out what you really stand for."

Analyzing opinions from all sides helps the group to better analyze what forms of gender discrimination still take place on campus. Doing so will help them in their efforts to increase awareness of gender issues on campus and throughout the world.

On Nov. 10, the Feminist Club will be working with Allies on a gender symposium that will be bringing in schools from a two-hour radius for workshops on gender issues. At this symposium, several Westminster professors will be presenting research, including Drs. Jamie McMinn, psychology, Joshua Corette-Bennett, biology, and Bethany Hicok, English.

Photo by Mandie Zoller

Members of the Feminist Club pose for a photo during their Wednesday meeting at Mugsies.

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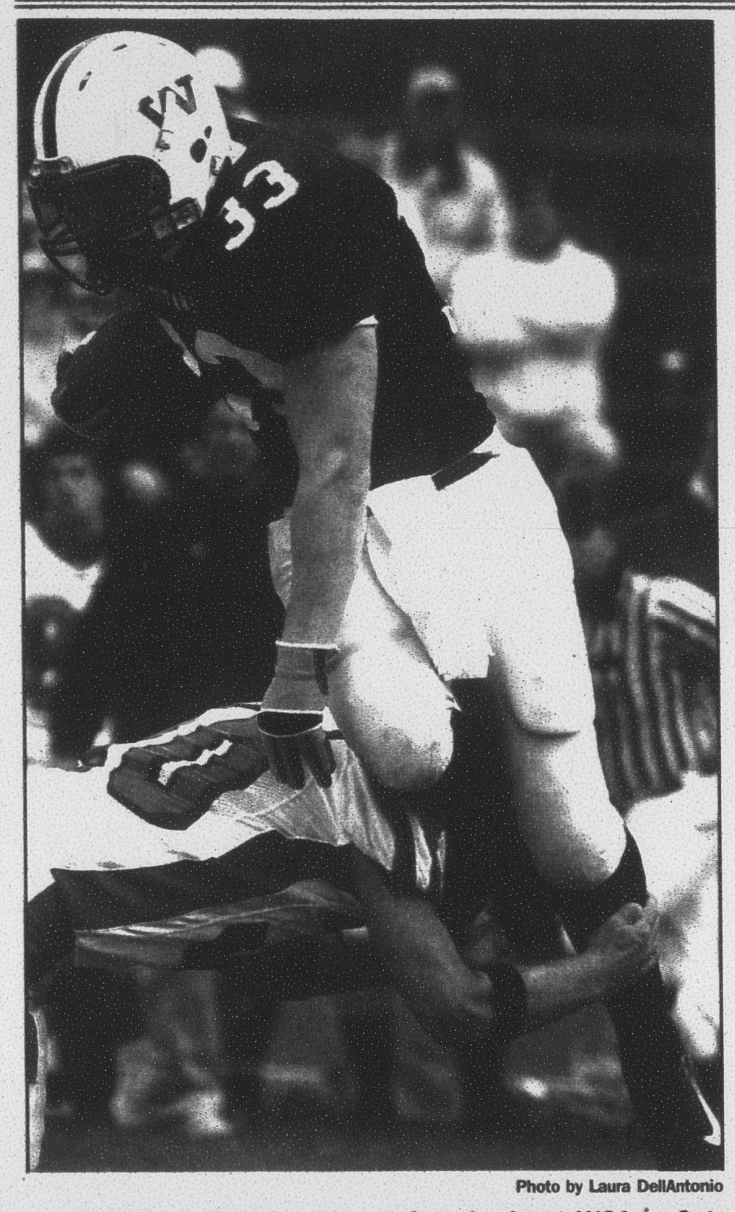

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The Titans suffered a loss against dominant W&J on Saturday, Oct. 13, finishing with a score of 58-18.

Titan football outplayed by #8 Washington & Jefferson

Nationally-ranked W&J rolls past Titans

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

With much on the line, the Titans came into game six of the season with a record of 3-2 overall and1-2 in the PAC.

The always dominant Washington and Jefferson Presidents came into this outing at 5-0 on the season and 2-0 in the PAC. Truly the only thing the Titans had going for them was they were playing at home in good old Burry Stadium.

Washington & Jefferson was remarkable, scoring on eight of its first 10 possessions. They racked up 619 yards of offense on 87 plays. Quarterback Bobby Swallow completed 27 of 39 passes for 357 yards and six touchdowns. This includes a W&J school-record four TD's to wide receiver Tom McCafferty who caught eight passes for 146 yards.

Swallow led the nation in pass efficiency (238.1) entering the game and established a 196.8 rating Saturday.

Westminster's defense ranked 10th in the nation entering the game, as the Titans were giving up an average of 225.8 yards per game. It was very shocking to see the Titan defense get taking advantage of like it did, even against a ranked opponent.

Westminster's offense amassed 288 yards on 61 plays as sophomore quarterback Kevin Franz completed 12 of 22 passes for 134 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Sophomore tailback/wide receiver Chad Rosatelli scored all three Westminster touchdowns, his second and third career receiving scores and his first career rushing touchdown. Rosatelli scored on a 9-yard pass from Franz with 10:08 left in the second quarter to cut W&J's lead to 21-6.

After the third of four Swallow-to-McCafferty touchdowns, giving the Presidents a 28-6 lead, Rosatelli capped off a 6-play, 72-yard drive with a 17-yard touchdown reception from Franz.

On Westminster's two-point PAT conversion attempt, W&J's Mike Sedunov scored two points on an interception return giving the Presidents a 30-12 advantage. While this was only worth two points, it proved demoralizing to the entire Titan team.

The Titans were not done scoring, however. Chad Rosatelli scored on a 1-yard run with 5:42 left in the fourth quarter for the game's final points. Rosatelli finished the game with two catches for 26 yards and eight rushes for 49 yards.

Rosatelli wasn't the only Titan running the ball. The Titans' leading rusher was sophomore Nick McKolosky who carried the luggage 18 times for 89 yards.

Westminster senior wide receiver Brett Ziegler led the Titans with six catches for 94 yards, including a 45-yarder to the W&J 25-yard line, setting up Westminster's first score. Ziegler now has 114 catches for his career moving him to No. 5 on Westminster's career receptions list, surpassing Brian Lipiello (108 from 1997-2001) and Chris Osborne (110 from 1988-91) during the game.

The final score of the game was W&J (58) and Westminster (18), making the Titans' record 3-3 and 1-3, with all losses coming from PAC opponents. The Titans head off to face another PAC opponent Bethany on Oct. 20 with a 1:30 p.m. kick-off time.

Mojo in Ohio?

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

"Shock to us all and the computers are to blame, yeah, the BCS gives college football a bad name." Just like Jon Bon Jovi says, we fans play our part and watch the games, but all of the upsets are making me go insane.

Before this season, I did not believe that either USC or LSU would be on the outside looking in for a bid at the National Championship Game. What is even more incredible is that the first three teams in the polls right now were not even mentioned in the top ten of preseason polls. This year's college football season is revealing parity that has never happened before.

Buckeye nation can now rejoice as Ohio State sits number one atop the polls. With this in mind, let's now pause to reflect on something that has never been talked about in any of my columns before.

Let's reflect on what a tremendous streak Ohio sports have been on. Starting with the aforementioned Buckeyes, Ohio is on top of the college football game, something that Penn State fans probably will not enjoy until Joe puts his coaching career in the coffin.

Besides the Buckeyes, the Cleveland Indians lead the evil empire imitators, the Boston Red Sox, 2-1 in the ALCS. With the game two win in Fenway Park, who knows, maybe the luck of Cleveland sports has finally abolished the curse.

Not only have the Indians done well, but how about Derek Anderson and the upstart Cleveland Browns? The Browns are now 3-3 with wins over division foes, Cincinnati and Baltimore. Tip of the cap to you Coach Crennel, as I think how just a couple of weeks ago you made the top five on my list of, "The Worst Person to be in Sports."

With all of this being realized, this may be the best time Ohio sports fans have witnessed since my birth in 1986. Do not worry Ohioans, there is still plenty of time for things to go wrong. Need I mention that World Series when Jose Mesa was one Craig Counsel hit away from slamming the door in the ninth inning for what would have been a World Championship.

If that is not enough to jog your memory, what about the fumble, or John Elway? Does that bring back any memories Cleveland fans? Nonetheless, I still like the Wahoo Crew to take out Boston in the sixth game of what will be a long, hard fought ALCS.

Another one of my regular riffs in sports conversation, the BCS computers, has again resurfaced in the world of college football. What the computers do not understand is that nobody wants to see South Florida play for a National Championship. Not only do people not want to see that, but South Florida does not deserve to play for the national title.

What the computers do not account for is the fact that playing SEC competition is far tougher than playing the competition South Florida plays. If LSU is able to finish the season with one loss in the SEC, that is far more impressive than if South Florida is able to run the table and stay unbeaten.

If South Florida does indeed play for the National Championship on a Monday night in January, all I can say is, "I hope CSI: Miami is not rerun that night."

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Women's soccer adds two more wins in conference competition

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team achieved their 10th shutout win last week after defeating PAC opponents Washington & Jefferson and Bethany. The Titans then interrupted their five-match shutout streak with a loss against Mount St. Joseph.

The Lady Titans traveled to W & J, where they defeated the Presidents 3-0 in conference play.

Junior Christina Adams scored in the sixth minute on an assist from sophomore Lauren Graeser. Graeser then scored in the 14th minute on an assist from Adams. Freshman Sarah Nee put away the final goal of the game. Graeser and Adams supplied the assist.

The Presidents out-shot the Titans 16-11. Sophomore Lindsey Mellott controlled the net making eight saves, adding her fifth shutout on the season.

The Titans hosted Bethany in PAC action and accomplished their 10th shutout after defeating the Bison, 6-0.

Senior Mallory Bugel registered the first goal of the match-up on an assist by Adams. Bugel returned the favor assisting Adams on the second goal.

Sophomore Meredith Sabol scored her first career goal in the 36th minute and was assisted by sophomore Michelle Latta-Maloney.

Scoring in the second half was Nee, senior Brittany McKee and freshman Krista Goralczyk. Supplying the assists were Graeser, senior Kait Etzel-Hardman and freshman Emily Winn, respectively.

Sophomores Mellott and Christine Clawges split time in the net. Mellott registered two saves. The Titans out-shot the Bison 27-4.

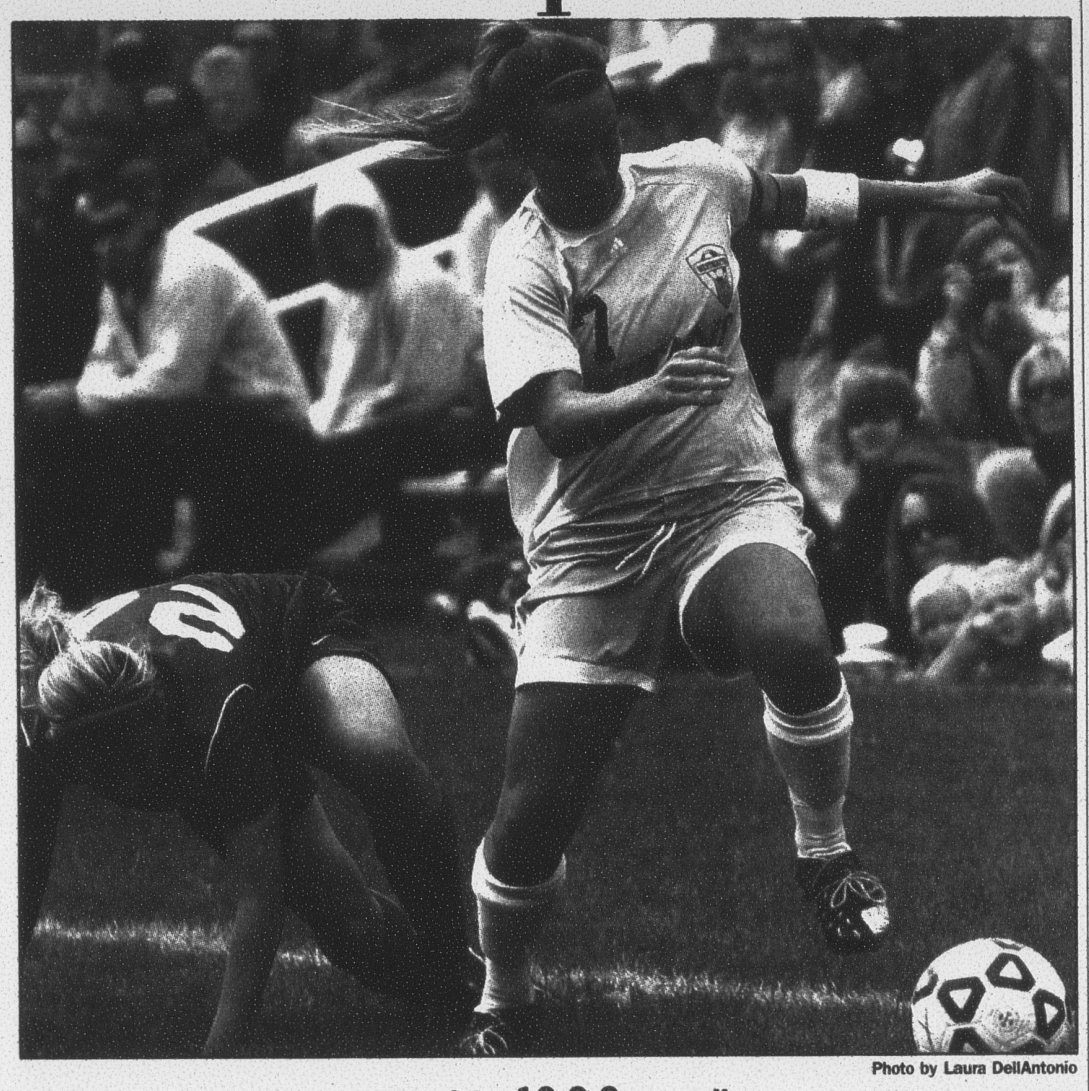
The Titans gave up their first goal in five matches to the visiting Mount St. Joseph Lions. The match-up was non-conference.

Allie Perman of the Lions scored the game-winning goal in the first half. Perman was assisted by teammates Jessica Jester and Nikki Jones.

The Lions out-shot the Titans 13-7. Mellott made 12 saves in the net for the Titans, while the Lions' Kelly Bare registered the shutout with seven saves.

The women's soccer team returns to PAC action on Wednesday, Oct. 17, when the Lady Titans travel to Waynesburg (2-1-1 PAC, 7-5-2 overall).

Thomas More currently leads the PAC with a conference record of 4-0, and overall the team is 12-1. Westminster is behind the Saints with a PAC record of 3-0 and an overall record of 10-3-2. Grove City trails Westminster with a PAC record of 3-1 and an overall record of 12-1-1.



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Ladies' soccer moves record to 10-3-2 overall

Senior forward and captain Mallory Bugel controls the ball. Bugel scored the first goal against Bethany, where the Titans won 6-0.

Soccer turns up the heat

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the temperatures dropped steadily this past week, the Titans did just the opposite. During their games, the Titans really brought the heat, coming out with a tie and a victory after two intense games of play.

The Titans had a great past week as they took on both W&J and Mount Saint Joseph with scores of 2-2 and 2-0 respectively. After their exceptional playing, the Titans now comprise an overall record of 7-5-3 and a PAC record of 2-0-1.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, the men's soccer team traveled to Washington and Jefferson for a game against another PAC opponent. Play started out quick as the Presidents' Jeremy Delmaster put in the first goal only 49 seconds into the game.

The Titans, however, were not discouraged by this as they came back to tie the game in the 16th minute with a goal by junior midfielder Justin Rivas. Junior defender Chris Ellwanger was able to claim the assist on the goal.

Shortly into the second half the Presidents' Marc Clayton was able to score another goal in the 54th minute giving W&J the lead. Fortunately, sophomore forward Brice Lott was able to tuck away an unassisted goal 88 minutes into the game putting the teams into overtime. Both teams battled it out, but neither team was able to end the game throughout either round of overtime, leaving the game in a tie with a score of 2-2.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the Titans hosted Mount Saint Joseph in a non conference match-up. Freshman midfielder Aaron Zavora scored the first goal of the game in the 27th minute on a cross from senior forward Andrew Saporito. Both teams continued to battle back and forth until senior midfielder Garrett Horvath scored 67 minutes into the game to give the Titans a two-goal lead over the Lions.

The game continued intensely until the end, keeping the score at 2-0. Freshman goalkeeper Mike Codita was able to post four saves for the Titans in his fourth shutout of the season.

"We need to work on learning each other's style of play and just working together, but, as always, that will come with time and practice," Lott said.

The Titans may have had a good week, but they will not slack off in the days to come. Next week, the Titans will be traveling to take on two PAC adversaries. The first game will be on Wednesday, Oct. 17, against Waynesburg. The second will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, against Grove City.

XC teams compete at CMU Invite

Men finish 19th and women finish 16th, respectively

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross-country teams ran at the Carnegie Mellon University Cross Country Invitational Saturday, Oct. 13 at Schenley Park in Pittsburgh. The Titan women placed 16th out of 20 teams with 459 points and the Titan men took 19th out of 23 teams with 577 points.

Sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley led the Titans by completing the 5-kilometer women's race with an 89th-place time of 21:45.41. George Washington's Audrey Noonan led the field of 197 runners.. Indiana, Pa finished first in the team standings with 53 points.

On the men's side, sophomore Jeremiah Patterson led the Titans with a 104th-place, 8-kilometer time of 25:01.35. Christopher Clark (unattached) finished first in the field of 230 runners with a time of 25:01.35. Carnegie Mellon won the men's standings with 31 points.

The men and women's cross-country team returns to action for the PAC Championships at Saint Vincent on October 27.

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Indians triumph over Red Sox in game 3

Tribe pulls off 4-2 win in AL series

CLEVELAND (AP) - Every swing, every out, every win, Kenny Lofton brings closer to an October unlike all the others.

At 40 years young, he's still chasing an elusive World Series ring.

Once again, it's within reach.

For Lofton, and the Cleveland Indians.

Lofton's two-run homer in the second inning set the tone for Jake Westbrook, who kept Boston grounded for almost seven innings Monday night as the Indians moved one game up on the Red Sox with a 4-2 win in Game 3 of the AL championship series.

"This club," third baseman Casey Blake said, "believes in itself."

Playing in his 91st postseason game, the well-traveled Lofton, with his ninth team in the past six years, ignited a crowd of 44,402 towel-swinging fans with a shot over the right-field wall against Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka.

After rounding the bases and slapping hands with teammates, coaches, trainers and seemingly anyone near Cleveland's dugout, Lofton emerged for a curtain call and tipped his helmet as chants of "Ken-ny, Ken-ny," filled the air.

It's been that way since Lofton returned to Cleveland in a trade from Texas in July. This is third stint with the Indians, one of the 11 teams he's called his own during an odyssey that has crisscrossed baseball's map.

"He's a big-game player," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "He likes the stage. He understands just what it takes to have the right heartbeat."

And Lofton's is pounding like a kid's.

He's playing like a man half his age, and the unknown Indians, despite a lack of postseason experience, are acting as if they've been doing this for years.

"These guys are going out and playing team ball," Lofton said. "It's unbelievable."

Westbrook, often overlooked in Cleveland's top-heavy starting rotation, got the Red Sox to hit into three double plays, the biggest to end the second after Boston loaded the bases with none out.

The laid-back Georgian doesn't possess the overpowering stuff of either C.C. Sabathia or Fausto Carmona – Cleveland's two aces who flopped badly in Games 1 and 2 at Fenway Park – or their stellar reputations.

"I was able to make good pitches when I needed to," said Westbrook, roughed up last week in a loss at Yankee Stadium. "I'm a sinkerball guy. That's what I live and die by. I threw that all night."

At the Jake, this Jake was all the Indians needed.

Game 4 on Tuesday night will feature two soft tossers: Cleveland's Paul Byrd, with his old-school windup, and Boston's Tim Wakefield, the 41-year-old knuckleballing master who hasn't pitched Sept. 29.

The Red Sox couldn't do anything with it until the seventh, when Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer.

"He made all the right pitches at all the right times," Varitek said.

Jensen Lewis relieved with a runner on and struck out rookie Dustin Pedroia to end the inning. Rafael Betancourt worked a perfect eighth and Borowski, the AL saves leader, pitched a rare 1-2-3 ninth.

After Lofton homered, the Indians added two runs in the fifth against Dice-K, the high-priced Japanese import whom the Red Sox invested more than $100 million in to pitch in games like this.

"I thought he threw some good pitches," manager Terry Francona said. "But he was in a lot of deep counts.".

Westbrook was in complete control until J.D. Drew singled to center in the seventh. Varitek followed with his homer, bringing the Red Sox to 4-2.

The homer ended Boston's 13-inning scoreless streak, a drought that began in the sixth inning of Game 2.

Westbrook struck out Coco Crisp but when Julio Lugo beat out an infield single, Wedge pulled his gutty starter, who received a thunderous ovation.

Lofton, with the looks and speed of a twentysomething, gave the Indians a 2-0 lead in the second.

Ryan Garko singled with one out, and with two down, Lofton turned on Matsuzaka's first pitch and sent it on a low trajectory and barely over the right-field wall.

Lofton had been getting grief from his young teammates, wondering what had happened to his power stroke.

"I told them, 'One day I'm going to square one up and it's going to go out,'" he said. "It happened today."

In the top of the inning, the Red Sox loaded the bases off Westbrook on a walk, single and error by first baseman Ryan Garko. But Westbrook got Varitek to fly to left and then escaped trouble by getting Crisp to hit into an inning-ending double play.

"That was probably the ballgame right there," Blake said.

Titan athletic honors

SAAC Titan athlete of the week

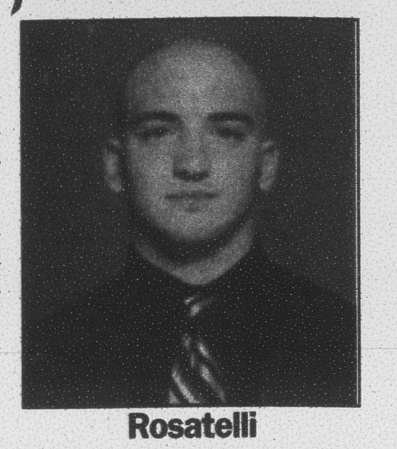
Sophomore football player Chad Rosatelli has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the-Week, as voted on by members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Oct. 9-15. Rosatelli scored all three touchdowns in Westminster's 58-18 loss vs. eighth ranked Washington & Jefferson on Saturday.

Both of his receptions in the game went for scores (17, 9 yards), while he also rushed eight times for a career high 49 yards including a1 yard touchdown.

Rosatelli has also played in 15 games during his career and started in four. He was used primarily as a receiver last year but this year he has also played as a tailback.

His best game was against Bethany in 2006 when he caught three passes for 91 yards and rushed three times for 34 yards.

Rosatelli is a Elementary Education major from Clinton, Pa.



Rosatelli

Cashmore to testify against Simpson

LAS VEGAS (AP) -- A second co-defendant in the O.J. Simpson armed robbery case said Monday that he will plead guilty to a reduced charge and testify against Simpson and four others in the alleged hotel room theft of sports collectibles from two memorabilia dealers.

Walter Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., told a judge he will plead guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery, a felony. He could face between one and six years in prison.

Outside the courtroom, Alexander and his lawyers declined to say what testimony he will provide.

Earlier Monday, Charles Cashmore, 40, of Las Vegas, told the same judge that he would plead guilty to a felony and testify for the prosecution.

"It's always a prosecutor's strategy to go after the little fish to get to the big fish," Cashmore's attorney, Edward Miley, said outside court. "In this, it seems to be that O.J. Simpson is the big fish."

The plea agreements up the ante in the prosecution of Simpson. Cashmore can testify that guns were involved in the Sept. 13 confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers at a Las Vegas casino hotel room, his lawyer said.

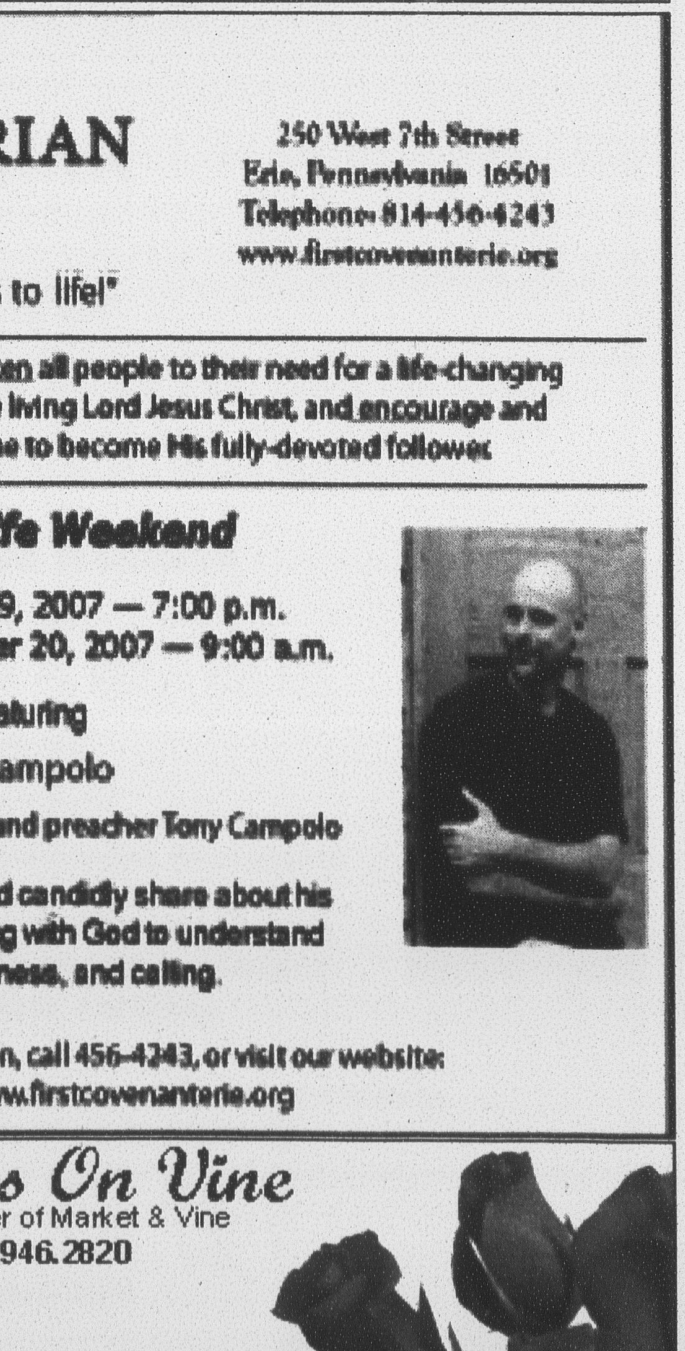
"He can establish who was in the room, what was said, who had guns, who didn't have guns, potentially who may have seen guns, who didn't see guns," Miley said. "I think he wishes he would have never met O.J."

Simpson and his lawyers have denied guns were in the room at the Palace Station hotel-casino. His lawyers did not immediately respond Monday to requests for comment.

Random sports fact of the week

Tavern owner got Wrigley's goat

In October 1945, the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs met in the World Series. It was a rollicking time in the United States. One month before, Japan had officially surrendered, signaling the end to World War II. In Chicago for Game 4, tavern owner Billy Sianis, a Greek immigrant, brought his pet goat Murphy to Wrigley Field, even purchasing a box seat ticket for the animal. Cubs owner Philip Knight Wrigley was not pleased. He ordered security guards to remove Sianis and Murphy. An irate and insulted Sianis placed a curse on the Cubs that they would never again win the pennant or play a World Series at Wrigley Field. The Cubs lost the 1945 Series 4 games to 3. The "Curse of the Billy Goat," as it is known in Chicago, has held. The Cubs have been shut out of every World Series since.



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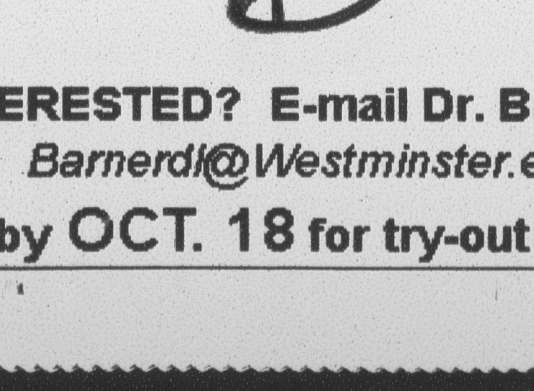

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Calendar

Wednesday, October 17, 2007
All Day Events
PE-2 and Second 7-Week Classes Begin
10:30 AM Celebrity Series: Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy (Orr Auditorium)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Argo Distribution (MCC TUB) 11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Sandra Webster, "Creating and Maintaining a Classroom Culture of Respect" (MCC Mueller Theater)
12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
1:45 PM Men's Soccer @ Waynesburg*
4:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Waynesburg*
4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Argo Distribution (MCC TUB)
5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)
6:30 PM Celebrity Series: Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy (Orr Auditorium)
6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:00 PM YPS Discussion Groups (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)
7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
9:00 PM ODK Meeting (Hoyt 150)
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, October 18, 2007
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Argo Distribution (MCC TUB)
12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Argo Distribution (MCC TUB)
5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (Patterson 231)
5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Club Room)
5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
6:00 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 152)
6:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Saint Vincent
7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)
7:30 PM Phi Mu Recruitment Party (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, October 19, 2007
TBA Women's Tennis @ PAC Championships (at Erie, Pa.)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Mock Convention Registration (MCC TUB)
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Argo Distribution (MCC TUB)
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Argo Distribution (MCC TUB)
6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

Saturday, October 20, 2007
All Day Events
Mid-Semester Break
TBA Women's Tennis @ PAC Chamionships (at Erie, Pa.)
8:30 AM Men's Swimming @ Clarion Fall Classic
8:30 AM Women's Swimming @ Clarion Fall Classic
1:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Grove City*
1:30 PM Football @ Bethany*
3:30 PM Men's Soccer @ Grove City*
4:00 PM Volleyball @ Grove City*

Sunday, October 21, 2007
All Day Events
Mid-Semester Break

Monday, October 22, 2007
All Day Events
Mid-Semester Break

Tuesday, October 23, 2007
All Day Events
Mid-Semester Break
2:00 PM Residence Halls Open
5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Thiel*

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
All Day Events
CLASSES RESUME
International AV Week
11:40 AM Faculty Forum -- Kristin Park, "Sandino Battles Neoliberalism: Nicaraguan CIEE Seminar" (MCC Mueller Theater)
4:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Chatham*
4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
Choose between what others want for you and what is best for you. No matter how difficult, stand up and defend your decision.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
This is not the best time to relinquish control over your finances. Pay your own way and avoid additional debt.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
Think with your head, not with your heart and make a decision concerning a partnership dilemma. Accept change and give yourself time to heal.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Focus on the tasks at hand and get a lot accomplished this week. Roll up your sleeves and tackle key projects around the house. Sweat without regret!

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
A friend or social acquaintance is willing to help you with a creative assignment. Put your heads together and come up with an outlandish plan of attack.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
Interact with loved ones and do your part to promote better communication. Talk about a problem with candor and get the facts out in the open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Quick thinking and problem solving tend to go hand-in-hand. Present an ideal solution with lightening speed and blow the competition out of the water.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
Approach your finances with a conservative attitude and avoid frivolous spending this week. Look beyond appearances for true value or quality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Enjoy a special popularity among your friends and associates. Present your creative ideas or suggestions with confidence and certainty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Avoid scattering your energy and make a vow to work smart instead of hard this week. Sneak away and claim alone time to relax, read or meditate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Participating in large group activities will put a heavy strain on your budget. Keep an eye on your spending and take advantage of a cost-cutting offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
This is not the best time to force a career move. Listen to the advice of a counselor or mentor and develop your skills in the interim.

If your birthday is this week:
Think of yourself as a strong and robust creative force during the coming year. Do not allow anyone or anything to discourage you or to block your path to success. Handle your duties, take care of business or responsibilities and your challenges will begin to fall by the wayside. Seek activities that will help your fiscal status and stay on course with your life goals.

Also born this week:
Lil Fizz, Jimi Hendrix, C.S. Lewis, Mark Twain, Woody Allen and Britney Spears.

Sudoku!

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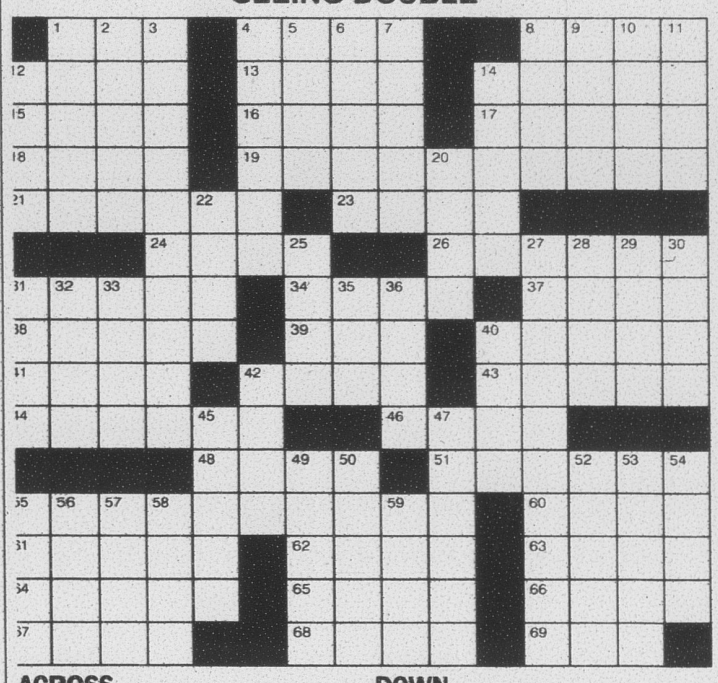

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38 Vestment
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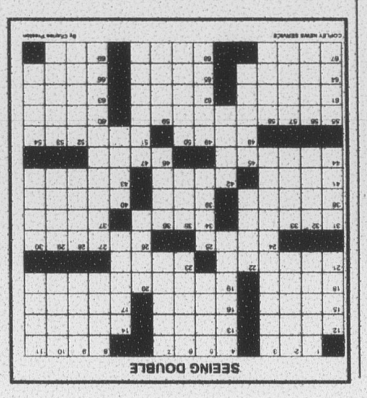

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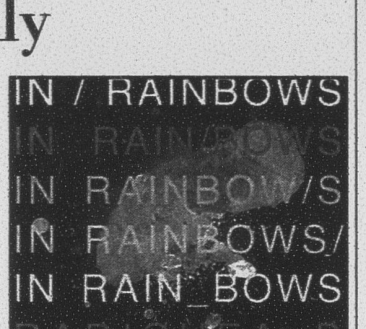
Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

In Rainbows release groundbreaking musically and commercially

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor



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It seems like the modern trend in all genres of music, from metal to indie, is to use a lot of delayed guitars, electronics and ethereal, somber-like vocals. While some artists who do this may be pretentious, others shine. However, none do it quite as well as Radiohead.

Radiohead, with lead vocalist Thom Yorke, guitarist and pianist Jonny Greenwood, guitarist Ed O'Brien, bassist Colin Greenwood and drummer Phil Selway have been releasing records since the early nineties. Their newest release In Rainbows is an ambient, percussive album that showcases the elements that define what Radiohead is.

The album opens up with the Latin-influenced "15 Step," a mid-tempo song utilizing electronic percussion, drums, guitar and the ever-present synthesizer, followed by "Bodysnatchers," a grunge song

Photo from inrainbows.com

that sounds much like it belongs on Ok Computer.

The album hits its stride with "Nude," a slow, delicate song that shows a smooth, controlled side of Yorke's voice. However, the standout track on the album is "All I Need," a dark, mysterious track that features DJ Shadow-like drumbeats and an angular, deep synthesizer that is sure to capture the ears of any listener.

Although Radiohead may not be walking on sunshine yet, In Rainbows does seem to be less cynical and more optimistic. It is much less an attempt to reach out to different audiences, but more of a leakage of subtle pop influences on the record, such as vocal and piano melodies.

Despite the fact that the band has been around for a long time, Radiohead shows an awareness of the state of rock music in the modern age at appropriate times. Radiohead draws from those influences and other times abstaining; a choice that is bound to grab the ears of younger listeners and add to their already massive growing fanbase.

Many bands with Radiohead's longevity often release a few good records and then seem to slip off the edge and release a few sub-par ones. However, Radiohead has been at the top of their game with every release, including this one. *In Rainbows* is a relevant, refreshing album which is quiet, yet disturbingly robust.

Yorke's voice is at its best, often avoiding the meandering babble that has sometimes clouded Radiohead's reputation, but instead balancing quirkiness and angularity with soul and honesty.

With that being said, one either loves or hates Radiohead.

When I told different people about the new album that was coming out, some jumped for joy while others cocked their heads to the side and sighed, complaining about Radiohead's slow, repetitive nature. However, at heart, that's what has made Radiohead famous.

From the electronic album *Kid A to Pablo Honey*, which sported their first big hit with the single "Creep," Radiohead has always been a band that seems to reinvent itself with almost every record, yet sustaining a candid and genuine identity.

However, *In Rainbows* isn't a reinvention. It's rejuvenation. Although the album may have added some newer, hipper elements to the mix, it's still Radiohead.

The band still creates music that is utterly Radiohead, music that makes people scratch their heads in confusion and smile in wonder. There is something awe-inspiring about a Radiohead release and the story is no different with *In Rainbows*.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to LOST and the Office, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Downloading for free?

Although *In Rainbows* will be available in stores at some point, the band, which currently has no label, decided to make the album available for download on their website for as little or as much as the consumer wants to pay, a marketing device that is unheard of in today's music industry.

Although Radiohead isn't officially releasing sales numbers, it has been reported that the album was downloaded more than 1.2 million times in the first week and that one third of people who downloaded the record didn't pay anything for it. The album can still be downloaded at www.inrainbows.com.

Recommended tracks: Nude, Wierd Fishes/Arpeggi, All I Need

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Carlton's *Heroes and Thieves* showcases piano skills, confirms singing talent

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Photo from vanessacarlton.com

After three years, Vanessa Carlton is finally back on the charts with her third studio album, and it is probably her best.

Heroes and Thieves is a great artistic expression showcasing her impressive piano skills as well as her catchy up-beat lyrics.

Each song has a completely different feel, and almost anyone can relate to them.

When I heard her first single, "A Thousand Miles" I was very impressed. To this day, that song has one of the most recognizable piano parts in all of pop music.

Although after that song I figured she was just going to be another Edwin McCain, and drop off the face of the earth after a couple years, only having one good song to her name.

Obviously, this is not true. Her second album *Harmonium* was a great effort, including the hit "White Houses". Once again, was this the end of Vanessa Carlton?

In her eyes, it was. During Carlton's tour with Stevie Nicks from 2005-2007, she began to lose faith in music.

Carlton explains that Nicks helped her gain confidence again by saying, "She changed my life". She even paid tribute to Nicks by asking her to sing back-up vocals with her on the track entitled, "The One".

This record has no tracks that are a disappointment. The first single, "Nolita Fairytale" mixes a syncopated beat, with her typical catchy piano melodies.

She explains the song, "That song is really about finding joy in unexpected environments.

How sometimes losing things makes you realized what you have, which is like a quasi fairytale." Track 2 on the album, "Hands On Me" is a great love song about first meeting someone and thinking about the endless opportunities that could happen with them.

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All of us have had a moment like that before in our lives. Every album has to have a break-up song. "My Best" is her break-up song for the record and it is definitely a quality song that really shows off her sultry voice.

"Home", "Come Undone", and "Heroes & Thieves" are other great standouts on this album.

The main thing I give Carlton credit for is her overall piano skills. When we think of great pop/rock/jazz piano players, we normally think of guys such as: Ben Folds, Elton John, Dave Brubeck etc.

But rarely do we ever think of women-we know of women who are the lead vocals or guitarist for bands, but that is the norm.

It's great that she is not afraid to get behind the piano and just pound away.

She started playing when she was a toddler. While enrolled at the School of American Ballet in New York, she realized that playing the piano and writing music were more important to her than dancing.

Soon thereafter, she began showcasing her talent in small clubs in Manhattan, and became a student at Columbia University.

While studying there, she signed to Interscope Records, and the rest is history.

It's been a while since her last record, but she has not missed a beat. I say for you all to go out and buy this record. It's great to pop in the stereo on a Sunday morning, and allow it to reverberate as long as it can.

If you like the piano skills of Jacks Mannequin, the melodies of Coldplay, with a sultry female voice, you'll love *Heroes and Thieves*.

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

The Spill Canvas lyrics make *Sunsets and Car Crashes* a success

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

What started as a one man acoustic act is now one of rock's most promising underground bands.

Nick Thomas released his first full-length album, titled *Sunsets and Car Crashes*, under the pseudonym The Spill Canvas. Not long after, Thomas was joined by three other musicians to make a full band.

After a lineup change, an album featuring the entire band, and more lineup changes, The Spill Canvas has released its third record titled *No Really, I'm Fine*. It is the band's strongest, most emotional work to date.

The first track, "Reckless Abandonment," starts the album off strong with heavy, guitar-driven melodies.

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Max's Rating:

The Lineup
Nick Thomas – Vocals, Guitar
Dan Ludeman – Guitar, Vocals
Landon Heil – Bass
Joe Beck – Drums

Thomas does not wait long to make a statement against the media. In the first song, he says "we don't believe in anything that these critics, they're writing in their magazines." Some lyrics in other songs echo this sentiment.

The song "Battles" speaks of inner struggles, especially those of a rock musician attempting to please the fans: "My sore throats are now routine. I gotta write those songs, make 'em scream. They're unsatiable even if their ears are full."

The track is fairly simple in structure, based on a three chord progression, but the simplicity is what gives power to the music, along with the bluegrass-inspired lead guitar part.

One of the best things about this album is the variety of the tracks. Some songs are heavy, punk-inspired songs, some are softer and gentler, reminiscent of the band's acoustic rock beginnings, others fall somewhere in between.

Even with such differences between songs, a sense of coherence is still present that holds the record together.

The fifth track, "Saved," which is a re-recording of the song that appeared on the *Superman Returns* soundtrack with an added piano part, sounds like a Christian rock song.

The lyrical content is also reminiscent of Christian music, speaking of a person's emptiness and helplessness, and then someone comes into that person's life and saves them.

But, considering the lyrical content of other tracks, and the movie soundtrack it was written for, the savior mentioned in this song may just be a human hero.

"Appreciation and the Bomb," which is my favorite song on the whole album, is a statement against suicide. The majority of the song is about the speaker being attached to a bomb that will kill him.

But the chorus speaks of wanting to live in the moment, as the band's earlier song "The Tide" did: "But we tried so hard not to die. Sometimes we forget to appreciate life."

Photo from drivenfaroff.com

The song ends with a list of all of the people that have affected the speaker's life and, presumably, his decision to continue living.

Many songs are about love and relationships. Most notable of these are the final two tracks on the album. In "One Thing Is For Sure," Thomas says that he does not understand many things in life. "All of these remain mysteries, but one thing is for sure: you are worth living for."

The closing song "Lullaby" is appropriately titled. It is an acoustic track with some orchestra accompaniment. Thomas is singing a girl to sleep, saying that he will always be there for her, and that they were made for each other.

It is the kind of song that a musician like myself wishes he could write. Everything about the song is beautiful. The guitar is calm and haunting as are the lyrics. It could put someone to sleep, not out of boredom, but out of happiness.

This album is a perfect blend of the familiar and the new. There are many elements about the record that are things I have heard before. The band members have added new depth and structure to their music, especially lyrically, making this record one of my favorites this year.

★★★★☆

Arts & Entertainment

Scrawl visits Pittsburgh modern art museum

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

A room filled with mirrors with multi-colored polka-dots on the floor. The word "Woman" spelled by white candles. Containers spelling "Waste" filled with trash.

A group of students saw these and many more interesting pieces of modern art at the Mattress Factory in Pittsburgh on a trip sponsored by Scrawl last weekend. The contemporary art museum advertises itself as "art you can get into." It has displayed the work of over 300 artists since opening in 1977.

"The Mattress Factory was unlike any museum I've ever been to," junior Becky Penn said. "Instead of just seeing a piece of art on the walls, the entire room was the piece of art. It was modern art, so it was a little hard to interpret, but it was easy to appreciate."

The museum features many permanent exhibits by artists such as Rolf Julius, who created a piece of art out of two speakers that are constantly playing music. The speakers, painted bright red, hang from the ceiling and nearly touch the floor.

Artists come from all over the world to take advantage of a program offered by the museum. The Mattress Factory provides housing in the museum for the artists, giving them a unique environment to help them create new artwork that will be put on display when completed.

"I'd have to say that my favorite piece, or at least the most memorable, is the round wooden birdcage, complete with chair, TV and frighteningly controlled window," freshman Karli Champ said.

An Indian artist named Hema Upadhyay made a piece of art out of boxes of matches. A video of a Tom and Jerry cartoon projects onto the pile of matchboxes. Upadhyay wanted to make a statement about violence through the work.

Upadhyay created another work of art that consisted of matchsticks glued together in the shape of chandeliers. One appears as if it had collided with the wall. Upadhyay made these chandeliers out of matchsticks to create something out of objects that are generally used for destructive purposes.

"There was another exhibit in complete darkness and you had to sit there for 15 minutes to find what you were looking for," Penn said. "The room made it look like our eyes were closed for too long, but our eyes were open. It was pretty neat."

An artist named James Turrell experimented with light to create two works of art. In the aforementioned exhibit, Turrell created an out-of-body sensory experience, "where the seeing that comes from 'out there' merges with the seeing that comes from 'in here.'" Another room by Turrell displays a red cube hovering along the wall made entirely out of light. In the second room, visitors see a purple rectangle that appears to be painted at the end of the hall, but moving closer reveals that this rectangle is actually a window into a smaller room filled with ultraviolet lighting.

William Anastasi picked up a rock outside the building and made what he calls a "wall-removal" drawing. He used the rock to scratch the paint from the wall. In some spots, he even scratched through the wall.

"When we came out of the museum, our perception had changed so much that we realized things we hadn't seen upon entering," senior Scrawl co-Editor in chief Leanna Stitt said. "You must go into a place like the Mattress Factory with an open mind and resist the temptation to try and interpret everything you encounter."

After visiting the museum, the students went to Abay, an Ethiopian restaurant in the city. The restaurant offers authentic Ethiopian food, along with the experience of eating in traditional Ethiopian seating.

The backless stools surround a woven basket table, called a mesob. The walls are decorated with art made by Ethiopian artists.

"The food was served on bread called injera, which is shaped like a big tortilla. To eat the food, you take a piece of injera and wrap it around the food," Penn said. "There are no plates and no silverware."

"The Ethiopian restaurant differed from American restaurants the most in that food was meant to be shared, and thus the community sharing that food could come together socially, making the entire meal an inclusive event," Champ said.

Photo by Kirsten Dize

Diana Conzett, Leslie Bollibon, Shauna Oles and Leanna Stitt take a picture of the mirrored ceiling in Yayoi Kusama's Infinity Dots Mirrored Room, a permanent exhibition in the Mattress Factory.

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Authentic Ethiopian seating consists of mesobs, (traditional, basket-like tables) which is where the food is shared and eaten from. The mesobs are surrounded by backless, handmade stools which are low to the ground.

TV recaps

The Launch Party

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

Titled *The Launch Party*, the episode's main premise is the celebration of the new Dunder Mifflin Infinity website. Prompted by a comment made by Michael that the website will be the company's new best salesman, Dwight attempts to prove that he can sell more paper than the site.

Seizing the opportunity to play yet another prank on Dwight, Jim has Pam send him IM's saying the website has become self-aware with the mission of beating him in the competition.

Meanwhile, Angela is trying to set up the party in the conference room that is going to be broadcast via webcam to the main party in New York City.

Frustrated with her minimal budget and misprinted sign that says "Lunch Party" instead of launch party, she fails to notice Dwight's attempt to impress her and heal their relationship by outselling the website.

Michael fails to realize that he wasn't invited to the main party, but then pledges to put on a better party at the Scranton branch. Unfortunately, he orders from the wrong pizza shop, and when he finds out that his half-off coupon doesn't count for more than two pizzas, he holds the teen delivery boy hostage.

While Michael and Dwight try to decide whether to let the boy go, Pam and Jim sneak a box of pizza up to the roof for some romantic time by themselves.

This episode had some great moments brought on Michael's famous bad decisions and Dwight's hilarious exploits. New episodes are released at 2 a.m. the night they air at nbc.com.

Painful truths surface for many in *Grey's*

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Grey's is now into the third episode of its fourth season; the interns from the first three seasons are now doctors and have interns of their own.

The ongoing breakup between Meredith Grey (actress Ellen Pompeo) and Derek Sheperd (Patrick Dempsey) continues, as do the rules of never discussing it or going on a date.

Christina (Sandra Oh) pretends to be sorrowing over ex-doctor Burke, who she almost married, to try and get Meredith to give her surgery scrub-ins. Meredith doesn't realize she is faking and takes it as an opportunity to help Christina who has been pushing aside her feelings for what happened with Burke.

George (T.R. Knight) continues to be the "super-intern" to all the other interns. However, none of the interns know that he already went through internship the previous year but didn't pass the exam for personal reasons.

Alex Karev (played by Justin Chambers) receives an additional intern who happens to be in his sixties. Karev takes the intern to the free clinic at the hospital to show him around.

Norman (Edward Herrmann), the sixty-year-old intern, checks-up on an odd acting kid in the clinic and tells the boy's mother that he is on drugs. Karev doesn't believe this and continues to do tests to find out why the boy is acting weird.

"The really old guy" whose room was used for a lunch and break area awoke out of his yearlong coma. His first words to Izzy (Katherine Heigl), who has spent many moments in his room, are; "I plan to die today".

Izzy soon finds out that "really old guy" is good to confide in, especially about her situation with George (who is not telling his wife that he has slept with Izzy). She is still upset that George has not yet ended the relationship with his wife Dr. Torres (Sara Ramirez).

One of the new interns is Meredith's half-sister Lexi (Chyler Leigh), but Meredith avoids her because of a history of poor parenting and betrayal. Lexi tries to communicate with Meredith but fails.

Finally, Meredith helps her sister with a trauma victim that comes in. Lexi wasn't doing well with the patient, but Meredith knows that the victim will die and considers it a test for Lexi. This infuriates Lexi, who decides she doesn't want anything to do with Meredith.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sheperd and Dr. Webber (James Pickens Jr.) perform and succeed in an unheard-of Functional Muscle Transfer from the patient's leg to tongue in order to save her voice from cancer. During surgery Sheperd is disrupted by Karev saying that the boy Norman thought to be on drugs was tested for having large amounts of spinal fluid backing up into his brain.

Sheperd helps Karev by telling him to get a large needle and insert it through the eyelid and extract the fluid from behind the eye.

The episode's theme is that truth can be painful. Meredith finally talks to Lexi about her mom and they finally connect with each other,

Christina thinks about what happened with Burke; Izzy loses her closest and briefest friend; and George finally tells his wife that he slept with Izzy.

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Movie review

Myers' past focus in Zombie's *Halloween*

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

Photo from imbd.com

Rob Zombie's remake of John Carpenter's 1978 classic *Halloween* dives deeper into Michael Meyer's past. Many fans wondered whether Zombie's interpretation of the older film would live up to the reputation of Carpenter's version, and this film turned out to be faithful to its predecessor while giving a fresh outlook on the original story.

In the original film, Jamie Lee Curtis' Laurie Strode was the main character. In the remake, most of the screen time is spent developing the disturbing character of Michael Myers.

Zombie begins the film showing young Michael (Daeg Faerch) and his troubled family life. Michael's mother Deborah (Sherri Moon Zombie) struggles to deal with her quiet, outcast, and anti-social son who already shows signs of insanity when he kills animals and takes pictures of them.

Exacerbating Michael's building anger is Deborah's boyfriend Ronnie White (William Forsythe) who verbally abuses the whole family.

Watching the interaction between Michael and his family is very disturbing, and it definitely sets the scene for the creation of the killing machine that he becomes. As is Zombie's fashion, the family is the epitome of white trash with Deborah being a stripper, Ronnie as the drunken father figure, and Michael's older sister Judith (Hanna Hall) being, well, a little promiscuous.

Michael snaps, killing Judith and Ronnie, and he is institutionalized in a mental hospital under the strict supervision of Dr. Samuel Loomis (Malcom McDowell). After 17 years of commitment, Michael escapes on Halloween to find his younger sister Laurie who had been adopted after Deborah committed suicide.

This is where the first film begins, with Michael escaping from the institution, which brings me to one of the problems with this remake. The original film has an hour and a half to tell the story of Michael stalking Laurie and this version squeezes all of that action into 40 minutes.

Laurie (Scout Taylor-Compton) and her friends are quickly introduced (and subsequently killed), and this fast-paced slaughter partially ruins the suspense that was a big part of the original.

Even though some of the suspense is lost, the murder scenes in this Halloween are no less frightening than they were in the older film. They are much longer and more graphic, and thankfully feature the great soundtrack composed by Carpenter for the original film.

Overall, Zombie's version of Halloween is much more of a gore fest than the original, which didn't show much blood at all. Finding out why Michael Myers became who he did is also interesting, although it did take too much time to show on screen. With so many remakes coming out, it is good to see one that doesn't "butcher" the original concept.

Erik's Rating: ★★★★☆

Features

Issues of trust and confidence

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

In whom do you confide? If given the option, to whom would you tell your deepest fears? For most, the answer is the people you trust.

Trust is a funny balancing act. Just when you are steady and balanced, something comes along trying to knock you off your feet. Logically, we have no good reason to trust anyone.

Society leads us to believe that we should not trust a soul with what we hold most dear, mostly because time after time you see someone betraying that trust.

It is no small wonder that it is hard to trust when the world around you is telling you not to. Girls talk behind their best friends' backs. Confidences are broken. People cheat on each other. Hearts are shattered. Relationships are ended. People fight with one another. These are just simple facts of the lives we live.

Perhaps these things should not happen, but they do. Therefore, we must deal with them. We have to be able to look past hurtful experiences in our lives and judge a person or a situation on their own merit, not our past history.

Basically, at this point, we have to make the decision not of whom we trust, but how we trust. Do you look at the situation from a positive or negative viewpoint? Do you see the benefits of the situation, or just the bad?

We can trust in numerous things and in several ways. Depending on how we trust is how much we can be a "trusting" person. In society, a person is only viewed as trusting when they do so in a positive manner. However, a person can be in fact trusting against the conventional definition by simply believing in the negative.

The Fray elaborates on this subject in the song, "Some Trust."

"Some trust in love and some trust in hatred

Some trust in fear and some in violence

Some trust in faith and some trust in fortune

Some trust God and some just get away.

Some trust in pain and some trust in pleasure

Some trust in union, some in innocence

Some trust in fear and some trust in fortune

Some trust in everyone and some just get away.

Call it security, Call it your purity, Call it the words we pray,

Call it the sins we say, You never wanted this

Some trust in God and some trust in country

Some trust in love and some in violence

Some trust in diamonds, some trust in devils

Some trust fear and some just get away"

In what do you trust? Is it in people or emotion? We will always be driven by emotion. Our bodies are designed to do so. However, we can overcome it.

We are not always going to be able to trust someone. Instead, the question is, were we willing to give the person a chance?

I look at this way, I can give you some trust and a chance, hoping that you are a good person. However, you must earn my respect. Without my respect, you are nothing to me. I would never confide in you.

My best confidants are those I know, trust and respect. This works for me. It does not mean it would work for everyone.

Although, I do believe that everyone should give trust a sincere opportunity. I know it is scary, especially if you have had a bad experience in the past. However, you cannot judge someone on someone else's or your mistakes.

Is there a chance that you could get hurt? Yes. Is there a chance that things are not going to work out the way you want? Yes. Is there a chance that you will be disappointed? Absolutely.

However, there is a chance that you will be pleasantly surprised. Perhaps the situation will work out the way in which you had envisioned. Maybe the person is completely worthy of the trust you are giving them.

I am not saying you are going to get a fairy tale ending if you trust in someone. However, I am saying that it is worth the chance. Life is full of ups and downs. It is going to happen no matter in whom you put your trust. Even when bad sometimes seeps in, I would like to think all the good is worth the shot.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

I now pronounce you Adam and Steve

Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

October 11th was National Coming Out Day for the world (think about that) and Jeans day for Westminster.

For my sake and yours, I will not discuss Jeans day here. That's a story for another day.

I will discuss LGBT issues (again… Sorry. Write what you know…).

My good friend Wikipedia tells me that the definition of domestic partnerships differ from place to place, so it's hard to conceptualize, but it seems to tend to consist of less benefits than civil unions and marriage. Civil unions appear to be almost identical to same-sex marriage, depending on who you ask. Same-sex marriage should be self-explanatory.

What is the deal with gay marriage? Being the raging liberal that I am, I say, "Why not? Let's give them the right to marry."

Also, I want to be able to marry a guy if life leads me down that road. I find that it's only fair that everybody in this country has the same rights and privileges as everyone else.

I recently had an epiphany. I finally understood the conservative side of the issue. Let's say I'm normal Joe Shmoe. I get married to a pretty little lady, we have some kids, and everything's hunky-dorie. Then, two men say that they want to get married. From a traditionalist standpoint, it almost seems that the men wanting to get married to each other is a joke.

I'm not saying I agree with that. I'm just saying that I think I understand where those people are coming from.

People seemed to enjoy my last article, so let's see how the 2008 Presidential candidates feel about LGBT issues.

Democrat Joe Biden supports civil unions and adding sexual orientation as a criterion for hate crimes.

Republican Sam Brownback opposes same-sex marriages and expanding hate crimes to include sexual orientation.

Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton supports civil unions. She does not believe in the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, because it restricts openly gay people from serving their country.

Democrat Chris Dodd believes in civil unions and adding sexual orientation to hate crimes.

Democratic candidate John Edwards supports civil unions.

Republican candidate Rudy Giuliani supports domestic partnerships.

Democrat Mike Gravel supports same-sex marriages, opposes Don't Ask, Don't Tell, supports the addition of sexual orientation to hate crime criteria, and supports the removal of all other legal discrimination against LGBT people.

Republican Mike Huckabee opposes same-sex marriages and civil unions.

Republican candidate Duncan Hunter opposes same-sex marriages and civil unions.

Democratic candidate Dennis Kucinich supports same-sex marriage.

Republican John McCain supports domestic partnerships, and opposes the repealing of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

Democratic candidate Barack Obama believes in civil unions.

Democrat Bill Richardson opposes the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

Republican candidate Mitt Romney opposes same-sex marriages, civil unions, and supports Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Republican Tom Tancredo opposes same-sex marriages.

Now you know, and knowing is half the battle, or so says G.I. Joe… just don't ask him if he's gay.

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Students without borders: Tracing the life of Jane Austen

By Shannon Richter
Features Writer

In two hundred years, we have forgotten dates of battles and old pop stars' names, and seen governments and fashion change, but Jane Austen has not fallen through the cracks of time. Dr. Deborah Mitchell of the English Department led students across England to further discover the world of Jane.

This educational expedition was especially personal for me as I traced the steps of a writer whom I revered since the age of twelve when Pride and Prejudice first initiated me into the world of Jane Austen.

Our class began in Bath where Austen lived from 1801 to 1806. While she did not care for Bath, several of her novels are set in the historically important and popular city. What began as a Celtic shrine built around the only natural springs in England turned into a Roman spa when the Romans invaded England in 43 A.D.

Much of the original Roman structure stands today, and while touring the Roman Baths, I nearly forgot that I was still in England. The most fascinating aspects of the Baths are the cursing tablets: stone tablets where Romans chiseled curses at their neighbors for various misdeeds and set them before the goddess Minerva.

Though people can no longer travel to Bath for its healing waters, the Royal Crescent's exquisite Georgian architecture and the unique Pulteney Bridge make Bath a worthwhile place to visit. For Jane Austen fans, also known as "Janeites," her former home at Sydney Place is open by appointment and Bath has the Jane Austen Center and Jane Austen Festival.

I cannot admit to feeling any connection to Jane in the city that she disliked and could not seem to write. Her cottage in Chawton, however, was a completely different story. In this lovely red brick house nestled within a serene and cheerful garden, Austen revised her works: Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility and Northanger Abbey. She also wrote Emma, Mansfield Park and Persuasion, and she began publishing her own novels. So for Janeites such as myself, this cottage is (excuse my informality) a really big deal.

The recent release of the film Becoming Jane, starring Anne Hathaway, generated more publicity for Chawton. Costumes from the film add perspective to rooms filled with original furniture and effects from Austen's time here from 1809 to early 1817.

Our last stop on the Jane Austen tour of England, proved interesting for members of the group who do not regularly quote Austen's novels or cherish a lovely bookmark featuring Colin Firth as Mr. Darcy. In 1817, Austen became seriously ill and traveled to Winchester for medicinal consultations. Six weeks later, she died on July 18, 1817 and was buried in Winchester Cathedral.

Winchester is a diverting and fascinating city filled with tons of historical treasures and unique shops. Winchester Cathedral, the second largest cathedral in England, dates all the way back to the seventh century. Our tour of the dignified, yet welcoming cathedral concluded at Austen's grave, which bears no mention of her novels, because so society still considered writing to be a dishonorable profession for women. A plaque has since been placed near her tomb in honor of her literary accomplishments.

What started as a favorite book as an adolescent turned into an ever-increasing admiration for the author as I grew. The Jane Austen course in Oxford allowed me to see pieces of the world that Austen loved, hated, observed and critiqued with satire and precision. My own journey as a Janeite is far from over, though I have a new appreciation and understanding of the world in her novels. As long as we continue to read and esteem her works, Jane will remain timeless.

As it is engraved on the wall of Chawton cottage, "Such art as hers can never grow old."

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Shannon Richter in front of Chawton Cottage, the home of author Jane Austen

Marshmallow witches: A treat that will make you cackle

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

I think all parents want to draw the cooking skill out of their children at a young age. Remember the Easy-Bake Oven, the envy of all the kids in the classroom? If you want your kids to learn something, I guess the theory is to make the tools look like toys and make the work look like fun. It's just like those mini hammers and fake screwdrivers you can buy your kids, so that they can fix an equally fake shelf.

I had an Easy-Bake Oven as a child, and I loved it until its epic, explosive, burn-out death. I spent hours and hours creating the "mix with water and cook for twenty minutes" treats. I always ate more than I offered to the rest of the family. My only other love at the time was the local population of frogs. I could probably divide all of my free time between that spent in my kitchen with my kiddy oven and that spent at a nearby swamp with a long slimy net. Apparently, though, I was the only child who knew that the two should never be crossed.

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A had a few friends at the time (and in hindsight, I wonder if I should put the word "friends" in quotation marks) who thought it would be a good idea to take an innocent frog and sentence him to a fiery demise in their Easy-Bake Oven. I don't know if the idea of fried frog legs had crossed their minds or if they were momentarily amused by morbid curiosity, like kids who stick their hamsters in the microwave to see what happens.

A second, equally cruel thought seemed to have come to them after toasting the amphibian. They called me up and told me what they had just done. It was like telling a cat-lover that you had just stolen her feline to make fuzzy socks out of it. I was more than a little disturbed.

I highly advise against toasting any sort of live animal, not only because it is probably uncomfortable and undesirable to the animal, but because it's just plain unsanitary. Needless to say, I never ate another one of their Easy-Bake creations.

Avoid the oven while creating treats for Halloween. There are no frogs involved, and they won't scare your younger siblings.

Marshmallow Witches

Difficulty Level: Easy-baking, without the baking

Ingredients:

1 bag large marshmallows

1 cup coconut

1 (12 oz.) bad semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 package Keebler Grasshopper cookies

1 (14 oz.) bag Hershey Kisses

1 (14 oz.) bag mini Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

1 can vanilla icing

Food coloring

Dip the flat back of two chocolate chips in the vanilla icing, and attach them to the marshmallow as eyes. Drop the coconut into a sandwich baggy, drip in some green food coloring, and shake. Spread some icing around the back of the marshmallow, and roll it in the green coconut. Now your marshmallow has beautiful eyes and hair. Take a Grasshopper cookie and attach it to the top of the marshmallow with some icing. Turn a mini Reese's Cup upside down and attach it the same way, on top of the cookie. On the very top, attach a Hershey Kiss with icing. The cookie, Reese cup, and Hershey Kiss make up the witch's hat. For a colorful touch, mix icing with different colors, and add some art to the hat. Give your marshmallow witch some big lips, or a couple of warts.

Cost: About $11.00

Makes: Forty Marshmallow Witches, or enough for the New Wilmington Trick-or-Treaters.

Helpful Tip: Before starting on the Marshmallow Witches, take out all the marshmallows you plan to use, and squash them a little bit. This will make the bottoms a little flatter and help prevent tipsy witches later on.

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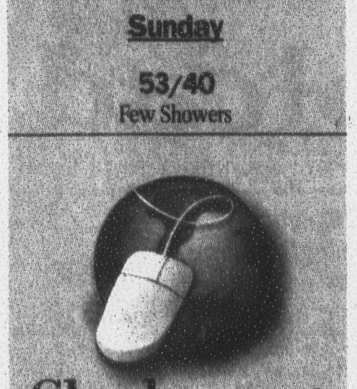

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Distinguished speaker Maniates presents "Perspectives on the Environment"

By Stefan Schneider
Staff Writer

New ideas for environmental conscientiousness took the forefront Monday for the Distinguished Speaker Series, "Perspectives on the Environment."

Mike Maniates, professor of Political Science and Environmental Studies at Allegheny College in Meadville, was welcomed to a full house at the Witherspoon Room in the McKelvey Campus Center. His presentation, called "The Power of Sacrifice in an Ecologically Full World," addressed his idea that Americans would be far more likely to embrace the fight to save the environment, if it were a harder battle.

"Environmental elitists try to reduce environmental issues to ten easy steps," Maniates said during his presentation, "I really think that this sells the American people short... If it requires so little involvement, people might wonder what the point is at all?"

Mike Maniates presentation largely focused on the trend to reduce the difficulty of helping the environment. A lot of environmental groups simply reduce saving the environment to small, simple things that the individual can do. These are minute things, including buying energy efficient light bulbs, closing the curtains, and emptying the lint trap in the dryer. While acknowledging that individual action is important, Maniates was quick to point out that it simply is not enough.

"With the United States needing an 80% reduction in energy consumption to bring it to a sufficient level with other countries, these small things just don't cut it."

Professor Maniates argued that the American people are more likely to accept sacrifice when the enemy facing them is virtually insurmountable, as it galvanizes their spirit and brings them together. He equated the desire to face the environmental crisis with FDR's battle against fascism and Martin Luther King Jr.'s against intolerance. Both of these required people to work hard and they prevailed.

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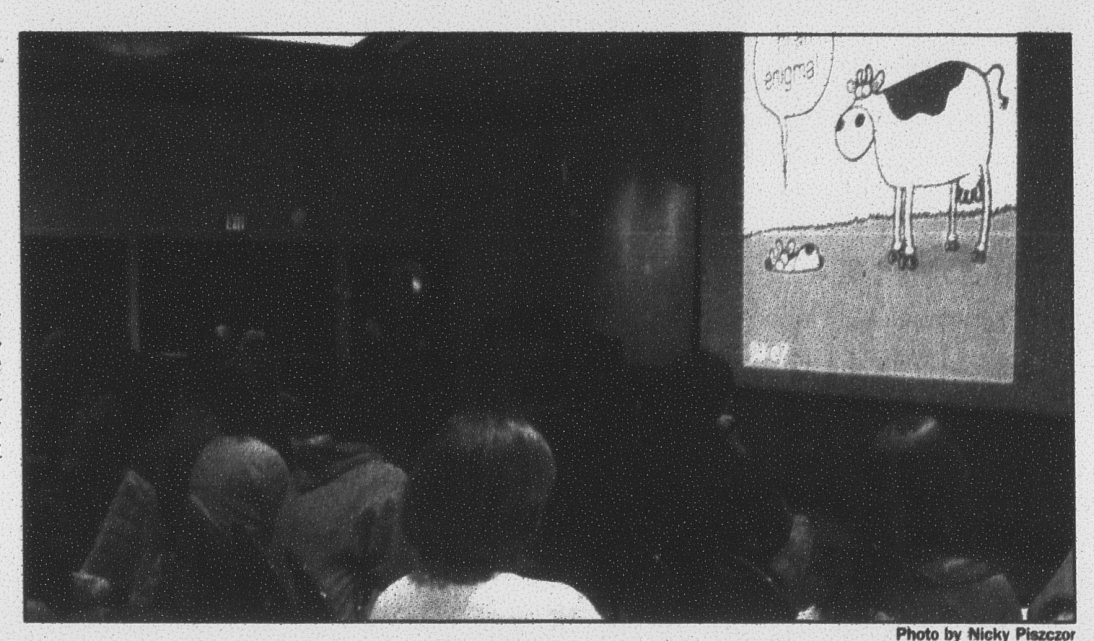

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Professor Mike Maniates from Allegheny College, spoke on the importance of environmental awareness as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series.

No shoes, no shirt, Mock Convention

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

You don't have to know or be interested in anything to participate in mock convention. That's what makes it a great learning experience. But it's time to get to know your candidates.

Candidate: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Westminster Campaign Manager: Carsen Nesbitt

Senior Carsen Nesbitt, the campaign manager for Hillary Clinton on campus, says that Hillary has a very good chance of winning the presidential election.

"She absolutely has a shot. She is currently the Democratic front runner, and I think she's stronger than any of the other candidates, including Republicans, at this point in the race," Nesbitt said. "She can play with the big boys."

One of Hillary's major concerns is the rising cost of higher education. Through a $3,500 tuition tax credit, families will be able to receive the credit when their tuition bills are due rather than sixteen months later. She also plans to increase the Pell Grant and adjust it annually based on rising costs.

In addition, Clinton will provide more aid for those who perform public service, and she will provide information concerning the cost of college far in advance so families will know what they can expect. She will create a Student Borrower's Bill of Rights. This will give students borrowing money the right to fair monthly payments that will not exceed a certain percentage of their monthly income. It will also give them access to fair interest rates and fees, the right to find their lender in a free marketplace and borrow without exploitation. Finally, it will give students access to better information concerning loans.

Hillary will also create a Green Building Fund to address environmental issues. This will fund research, development and deployment of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean coal technology with $50 billion. It will also eliminate tax breaks for oil companies. Clinton also has the most aggressive approach to reducing global warming, setting the goal at an 80% pollution reduction by 2050.

In response to the war on terror, Clinton has developed a roadmap for ending the war titled "Hillary's Bill: The Iraq Troop Protection and Reduction Act of 2007." This would require the president to begin removing troops from Iraq within ninety days of passage, give the Iraqi government benchmarks with consequences if it fails to meet them, and require the secretary of defense to certify all troops sent to Iraq have the training and equipment they will need.

With the help of her HillStars, Nesbitt hopes to represent Hillary in a nonbiased way while learning a lot from the experience.

"I think her message is strong enough, and I think I can portray it strong enough that students know that we actually mean business," Nesbitt said. "But we're going to have a lot of fun doing it, too."

Candidate: John Edwards

Westminster Campaign Manager: Dan Milcarzyk

"Here on campus a 'get to know you campaign' lends itself to a fighting chance. My campaign will not throw candy and ice cream at voters, but try to win votes with personal connections to voters," Edwards' campaign manager, Dan Milcarzyk, said. "If anyone ever has a question about John Edwards, just ask me."

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One step closer to a green campus

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Faculty members teamed up with a recycling company to make sure unused science equipment does not end up in landfills.

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

On Oct. 18 and 19, Hoyt Science Center teamed up with I-Tran, a recycling company from Richfield, Oh, to take away six tons of unused science equipment.

Manager of computer operations, Bernard Bonnie, and Chemical Hygiene Officer, Lori Micsky, headed the recycling operation. After much research, Bonnie found that I-Tran surpassed competitors, only charging the college $150 to take away equipment that would have ended up in landfills.

The old equipment included AV equipment, lab equipment, computers, monitors, balances, printers, televisions, cables, glass, plastics, projectors, disk drives and instruments from the chemistry, biology and physics departments. I-Tran took anything that was not hazardous waste. I-Tran disassembles the components, separates them into piles and then recycles them accordingly.

Field Station director Clarence Harms feels passionately about recycling. He feels that developing an attitude toward conservation is important. He also thinks awareness is vital.

"I feel that this [Hoyt recycling] is a great program," Harms said. "We have a real problem with electronic equipment. Once electronics are obsolete they are useless. I am glad something was done and it is something we should continue."

Bonnie also feels that this program is worth continuing. He said that in the future there will definitely be campus-wide electronic recycling once or twice a year. There will be drop-off locations supplying a convenient way to dispose of electronics.

"We don't need all that stuff in landfills," Bonnie said. "It takes a lot less energy to reuse materials than to dig them out of the ground. Preserving natural materials is a good thing. We have a problem disposing of equipment. People need to know that there are avenues available to them for cost effective recycling."

Micsky said that she and Bonnie started the recycling in Hoyt because they are in the building often and see much useless equipment. She also said that they used Hoyt as a trial run to see the response they would get. She expressed that the recycling was a tremendous success.

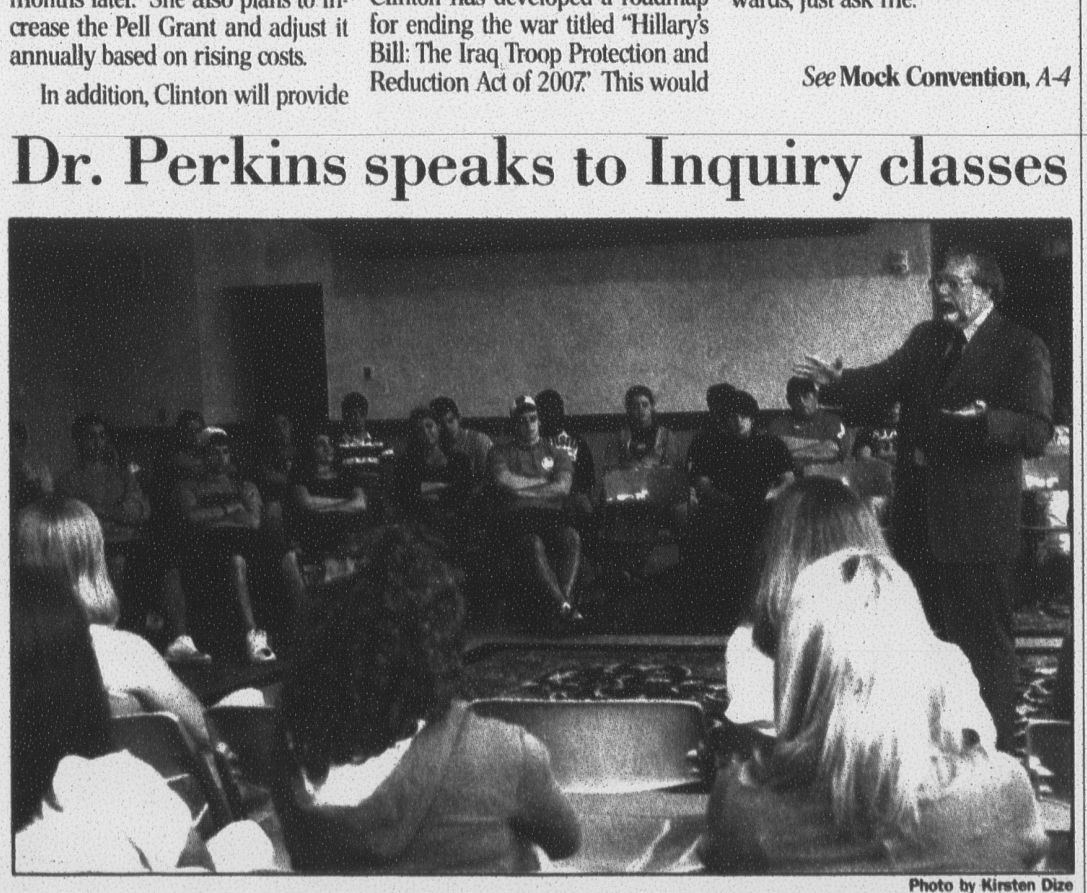
"Every day we hear more and more about landfills," Micsky said. "In this day and age people just say throw it out, but we thought someone could have a need for this equipment. It is not trash if someone else can use it in a recycled form. Recycling is a no-brainer. It's not harder to do. It's easy."

This program was the first of many for campus-wide recycling, and also takes the college one step closer to becoming a green campus.

"Recycling is the new and upcoming thing," Micsky said. "We want this world to be a green world. We need to show students how easy it [recycling] is. As a college, we have a desire to show we care about the planet and that we don't just trash things and add to the problem."

Bonnie is exploring the idea of possibly having a community recycling day, where the community can take recyclables to drop-off boxes. However, a specific plan has not yet been decided.

Dr. Perkins speaks to Inquiry classes



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Inspiring the next generation

On Wednesday Oct. 17, English and Public Relations professor Dr. James Perkins spoke to freshmen Inquiry students.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

DeColinization. That's not a typo.

BOO!!

Amazingly, it's still tree-climbing weather.

I WON THE M&M JAR!!

Am I actually addicted to a reality show?

Roll my eyes.

Come to the last football game this week!

Xtreme Kansas College of Dentistry

Is it Thanksgiving yet?

I will never make another website.

Thank you for forcing me to eat them.

Shampoo is better!

I heart train corn mazes.

Good luck, Powderpuff girls!

Halloween in Spain is weeiirrdd.

Why do the chairs get closer to the walls?

I don't care about Grey's Anatomy.

My friends keep getting married. That's insane.

Someone should send me chocolate.

Seriously, the TUB workers are awesome.

Stupid Huntington Bank!

He still can't spell "psych."

You don't have AIM?

Yay for pretty trees!

Do we EVER get to turn back our clocks?

I need to stop having bad dreams.

A gypsy cooking sausages??

I have souvenirs from Vegas!

Jeremiah was a bullfrog. Dunuhduhh.

Knights of Columbus, that hurt!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glop: Responsibility

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

Last week in my column I talked about apathy and how it can rip an organization to pieces from the inside out. I feel that I got my point across pretty well: if you are a member of an organization in which you do not feel you belong or don't care about, you should get out now.

My column this week is about responsibility and draws many of its points from the ideas I brought forth last week.

All organizations and clubs place responsibilities on their members. When these responsibilities are not fulfilled, the whole group suffers. Also, due to the way organizations communicate with the administration and college, sometimes those who are not responsible for a failure in the organization will get blamed.

This is not the administration's fault; someone is appointed to communicate with them. When something goes wrong they communicate with the one person they have contacts with, and this is normally the president or some other individual liaison.

Most of the time it turns out that the person being reprimanded has no idea what the problem is because it was not their responsibility to handle the incomplete task. If they were not the individual delegating tasks they go to the person who delegated the task to determine what the situation is.

The individual delegating the tasks trusted this responsibility to someone else because they trusted that that other party would take up the responsibility that they had vowed to uphold when they joined the group.

As a result, the reputation of the group suffers, the report with the administration suffers, the report the group has with campus suffers, and the members of the group all suffer because of this one neglected responsibility by one of its members.

This is why it is important when joining a group to make sure that everything you vow to do is done and your duty to be responsible is upheld. Other members are trusting this will be accomplished; they did their job, you do yours.

This elaborate example shows just one more reason why if someone is apathetic they should not waste any time and pick up and leave the organization they are a part of now.

Apathy leads to a lack of responsibility and a lack of responsibility leads to others in the organization, and the organization itself, suffering from one individual's apathy.

Events as modest as small group projects to large planned service events can fail at the last minute because someone fails to do their part.

In other words, when someone takes on a responsibility and joins a group, they better mean to keep that responsibility. Others will be counting on them to keep it because they have been fulfilling their responsibilities.

To mirror my message from last week, if you mean to just coast with a group and not fulfill your duties as a member of that group, get out now; you are pulling the group down with your lack of responsibility and your lethargy.

It will get you nowhere in college, as well as nowhere in life.

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Let's Talk About: Babies having babies

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

So, during fall break, my dad and I were watching the news together, and there was a segment concerning King Middle School in Maine which is now offering prescriptions and free distribution of birth control pills to its students without their parents' knowledge. Yes, that's right, its eleven-year-old students.

The nurse at this school said that these children were having sex and not protecting themselves, so she made it available to them. The school board let the issue pass with a vote of 7-2.

While I do not think it is right for a middle school to decide whether or not a student should have access to a drug as risky as birth control, this is not what this week's column is about. You can Google the subject if you want to read more about it.

This week's column is about the fact that it is a sad time in our history when some adults decide it is necessary to offer birth control to an eleven-year-old.

Yes, I am aware that times change and sometimes you must go with the flow, but the line must be drawn at a certain point.

I am at a loss to understand how a parent does not know where their middle-school-aged child is and what he or she is doing. Does the blame lie with them? I'm not saying it would always be easy, especially since I am not a parent and have no idea what it is like to raise a child. But I do know that while I was in middle school and even through most of high school, my parents were always aware of who I was with and what I was doing with them.

Where are these parents if they don't know where their children are? Are they simply very trusting of their children and see no need to check up on them? Possibly and probably very likely. I'm sure it is very easy for many parents to trust their children without question. But even if a child proves themselves to be trustworthy, we must remember that they are still children; children who need constant guidance during a very confusing time in their lives. With sex and similar topics being portrayed more and more throughout the media, it becomes the parents' responsibility to give direction to their children.

I realize that this is a college newspaper, and my audience is a group of students who do not have children of our own. But we will someday, and we will be faced with the decision of which type of parents we will be. We will be able to choose the television shows and movies our children will watch, the books and magazines they will read, and the video games they will play.

I'm really not totally sure about all the possible answers to the questions I posed, but I do know that when I have kids, they will not be attending King Middle School and I will know what they are doing (and it won't be that).

What do you think?

Allison Houser is a PR major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She enjoys a relaxing evening with a plate of Bagel Bites and a good episode of Hannah Montana with her roommate.

The moral: trees do not grow on trees

Dew evaporates
and all our world
is dew…so dear,
so refreshing, so fleeting.
-- Kobayashi Issa

By Leanna Stitt
News Editor

As the old adage says, money doesn't grow on trees. We know that we cannot endlessly spend money without consequence, without bankruptcy, without debt. The message today, for our generation, is that trees don't grow on trees either.

Our federal public debt astounds me with skyrocketing figures–5.04 trillion dollars to be exact. Can you wrap your mind around that figure? After a certain amount of zeros, I start to lose track.

Dollars and cents aside, we owe multitudes to our creditors–those who supply us with what we need when we can't find the means ourselves; those who give us water when our well is dry.

But just as our government draws money endlessly from pockets not our own, so do we draw resources endlessly from a world not our own. We awake to more and more consequences of our ignorant withdrawals every day:

The ever-warming Arctic Ocean and its thinning ice pack recently necessitate a never-before needed Coast Guard station due to increasing ship traffic.

Lack of landfill space for the 245.7 tons of waste generated by Americans each year requires us to increasingly send more and more of our garbage overseas (epa.gov).

Entire species, such as the vampire bat, wander into regions far beyond their natural bounds in search of a more adaptable climate, posing a threat to their lives and ours.

We are already bankrupt. (Shamelessly indebted to the fragile beauty surrounding us in the natural world).

We use our earth's natural resources as if they were endless, continually drawing and drawing upon an account not our own-a natural world that provides us with everything from daily necessities to impromptu inspiration.

Now it's time for us to start paying back.

Evidence everywhere shows the efforts of concerned individuals striving to erase the debt–efforts to gradually erase our seemingly indelible environmental footprint.

Global effort, national effort, local effort, even efforts right here on this campus.

When you put your plate of half-uneaten food on the conveyor belt in McGinnis, where do you think it goes?

How about the obsolete computers and scientific hardware (once used by students) recently collected in Hoyt?

And the broken down cardboard boxes you set outside your dorm on move-in day or after eating Pizza Joe's?

Every day, Clarence Harms transports McGinnis food to the Field Station, where he then sorts and composts it. He composts around 1,400 lbs. of food per month–food that otherwise would just be thrown away.

Individuals collected eleven tons of old computers and scientific hardware from Hoyt Science Center so that it could be recycled for their re-usable electronic components and metal, instead of dumped in a landfill. (see story on page A ?)

Physical Plant staff takes broken down (cut and flattened) cardboard boxes from dorms and other buildings to a large roll-off bin that Tri-County Industries trucks to a recycling facility near Mars, PA. (note: the boxes must be broken down in order for them to be recycled–non-flattened boxes simply get trashed!)

All of this and more happening on our tiny campus--individuals getting involved, individuals creating change, individuals offering reparations to the natural world for our uninformed and unjust treatment of its reserves.

We need to remember that our resources are not endless; Trees do not grow on trees. However, with a community (that's us–students, faculty, staff, administration, trustees) all working together, we can stop plucking trees from limbs and start planting them in the ground, until an impenetrable forest grows.

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Dam gates had been raised in 2005 tugboat accident

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Gates at a lock and dam on the raging Ohio River were raised just before a towboat sank in January 2005, killing four crew members, according to an unreleased May 2006 U.S. Coast Guard investigation report, a newspaper reported.

The Elizabeth M was swept over the Montgomery Lock and Dam in Industry, about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, on Jan. 9, 2005, killing Rick Conklin, 40, of Crucible; Scott Stewart, 36, of Wheeling, W.Va.; Tom Fisher, 25, of Latrobe; and Edward Crevda, 22, of West Brownsville.

"While the Elizabeth M was in lock chamber, the dam gates were raised from 83 feet to 89 feet," according to the investigation report, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said Sunday. "An increase in the flow rate over the dam would have increased the outdraft current at the upper approach to the lock."

The Post-Gazette said it obtained the report through a federal Freedom of Information request.

The report also said "letters of warning" were issued to George "Toby" Zappone, master of the Elizabeth M towboat, and to the pilot of another towboat, the Richard C, for failure to follow river navigation rules and specific sailing orders, the paper said. The other pilot's name was blacked out.

A listed phone number for Zappone could not be found Sunday and a message left for the attorney who represented him at a 2005 Coast Guard inquiry was not immediately returned.

Stephen Moschetta, Conklin's attorney, who settled a claim against the Elizabeth M's owner, Campbell Transportation, said he didn't know that the dam gates had been opened.

"It created a greater chance that what's in the lock chamber would be pushed out toward the middle of the river," Moschetta said. "Whether it's negligence, I don't know, but it didn't help. It could have been an aggravating factor."

But Karen Auer, an Army Corps of Engineers spokeswoman, said that opening the dam gates "may have had some slight effect, but not as much as at lower water levels."

An internal Corps review said standard procedures were followed the night of the accident and all lock and dam personnel acted properly, she said. None were sanctioned or penalized.

The opening of the dam gates was just a piece of evidence considered by investigators, said Coast Guard Commander Steve Wischmann, who is in charge of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Unit in Pittsburgh. He said the final case report should be completed soon and will make "a number of conclusions" about the cause of the accident.

The report said Zappone and the pilot of the Richard C disregarded written orders for both boats to get in tow together. Zappone testified in 2005 that he understood the orders to mean that the helper boat would meet him above the dam, when the two boats would work together to move 14 barges.

Campbell Transportation, owner of both boats, was criticized in another of the investigative documents for sending "inadequate" sailing orders to the boats and also was fined $6,000 for the discharge of fuel oil from the sinking towboat.

Company president Chuck Minton declined comment until the Coast Guard releases its final report.

Five of 10 investigative report documents on the accident remain classified as "still under investigation" by the Coast Guard and were not judged eligible for release, the paper said.

Veteran moves to Johnstown to challenge Murtha in '08

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A career Army member left the service two years short of retirement to move here and try his hand at politics by challenging longtime Democratic U.S. Rep. John Murtha.

First-time candidate William T. Russell, 45, a Republican, acknowledged that taking on a popular, 18-term congressman in the 2008 election will be "an uphill battle."

"But it's one that must be fought," Russell told the Tribune-Democrat in Johnstown.

Russell plans to formally announce his candidacy within weeks. Murtha has declined comment on the challenge.

Murtha, 75, served in the House since 1974 and is known for bringing money and jobs – especially in defense industries – to his district in rural Pennsylvania. A decorated Vietnam veteran and Marine Reserves colonel who previously had been hawkish on war issues, Murtha has criticized the Iraq war and pushed for troops to be brought home. He became chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee last year.

Washington County Commissioner Diana Irey ran against Murtha last year, trying to capitalize on the backlash against Murtha's views among conservatives. She was soundly beaten in the general election.

Russell, who moved from the Washington, D.C., area to Murtha's district specifically to take on the congressman, has a long Army and Army Reserve career that includes tours of duty in the Balkans and both Iraq wars. He and his wife, Kasia, were in the Pentagon when a hijacked airliner slammed into the building on Sept. 11, 2001. Both escaped unhurt.

Murtha's call for troop withdrawal from Iraq "is just flat-out wrong," Russell said. Like Irey, Russell also criticized Murtha's public allegations that unnamed U.S. soldiers committed "cold-blooded murder and war crimes" against innocent Iraqi civilians in Haditha in 2005.

A small-business owner, Russell said he wants a local economy dependent on free market. But he acknowledges some jobs may be lost if government contracts disappear.

It is not known whether Russell will have GOP challengers in the primary. Irey said she is focused on seeking re-election as commissioner.

Police: 2 stabbed, 1 dead; house set on fire

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Police say that a woman is dead and her teenage daughter is hospitalized after a row house fire in Philadelphia's Olney section. According to the broadcast reports, police say that both victims had been stabbed and tht the house had been set on fire

Firefighters were called to the 700 block of Garland Street about 1:15 a.m. Monday.

Battalion Chief Derrick Sawyer says fire crews found the older woman in a second floor middle bedroom. She was pronounced dead at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

The other female was found outside the rear entracne of the house. She is reported to be the 17-year-old daughter of the dead woman and is listed in critical condition at the Temple University hospital.

The names of the victims have not been released. No motive is reported.

Collar bomb defendant says she's 'totally innocent'

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - A woman accused of planning an elaborate bank robbery that ended in the death of a pizza deliveryman in 2003 says she is "totally innocent" of the charges and denies making incriminating statements to federal investigators, a newspaper reported.

Marjorie Diehl-Armstrong, 58, was indicted in July along with Kenneth Barnes, 53, on charges of bank robbery, conspiracy and a firearms violation in connection with the Aug. 28, 2003, robbery of a PNC Bank in Summit Township.

Pizza deliveryman Brian Wells, 46, told police he had been forced at gunpoint to wear a time bomb around his neck and rob the bank. As officers waited for the bomb squad to arrive, the device exploded, killing Wells. Both Diehl-Armstrong and Barnes have pleaded not guilty.

"I am totally innocent in this case," Diehl-Armstrong told the Erie Times-News in two telephone calls over the last two weeks. "I didn't know Brian Wells. I'm a decent person. I try to get by in life."

Wells was named as an unindicted co-conspirator, although prosecutors have said his role might have "transitioned from that of the planning stages to being an unwilling participant." His family insists that he did not know the suspects and had nothing to do with the plot.

Prosecutors contend that Diehl-Armstrong planned to use the bank money to hire someone to kill her father.

She is serving seven to 20 years at the state prison in Muncy after pleading guiltyto killing her boyfriend, James Roden, 45, in 2003. Prosecutors said she killed Roden because she feared he would tell authorities of the plot.

Authorities said in unsealed search warrants and court records that Diehl-Armstrong repeatedly spoke with investigators in the Wells case and linked herself to the bomb that killed him, but she denied to the newspaper that she made such statements.

"I never said that stuff," she said. "They wanted me to say that stuff. ... My life is on the line. By God, I didn't do these crimes."

She said she met with investigators hoping to receive an early parole from her sentence in the Roden killing and the reward money for the Wells case.

Diehl-Armstrong also said that her defense strategy will focus on her mental competency, she told the paper. Her attorney, Thomas Patton, an assistant federal public defender, has said Diehl-Armstrong is mentally ill and suffers from a bipolar disorder.

NATIONAL

Residents of fire-scarred SoCal communities mull next step as firefighters keep eye on weather

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A week after a half million people fled Southern California's wildfires, shelters began closing and residents were figuring out what to do next – even as firefighters kept an eye on the possibility of strong winds later in the week.

There was a chance of moderate Santa Anas – the fierce, dry winds that fueled the flames last week – returning in the next seven days, forecasters said.

"It's a little premature to be celebrating," California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman Fred Daskoski said. "We're looking for full control within a week but if we get any of these winds returning, there is a possibility that a couple of spots could have a blowout, and then we'd be off to the races again."

The winds, which last week gusted up to 100 mph, pushed flames across more than 500,000 acres, destroying more than 2,000 homes and forcing thousands into emergency shelters in seven Southern California counties.

As of Sunday, the state Office of Emergency Services tallied 2,767 structures destroyed. The number included 2,013 homes, office spokeswoman Kim Oliver said.

With more than a dozen fires fully surrounded, firefighters were pushing to complete lines around seven others. Containment of those blazes ranged from 50-70 percent.

With all mandatory evacuation orders lifted, wildfire victims have begun assessing damage and trying to figure out where to go next.

In San Diego, the largest remaining shelter is at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, where about 130 evacuees were living, some of them after losing homes.

Many came from other shelters, including high schools preparing to reopen on Monday and Qualcomm Stadium, closed by the city of San Diego Friday to prepare for the Chargers' Sunday home game.

Lisa Shields, 32, arrived at the fairgrounds last week with two small children after being ordered to evacuate her Ramona home. Days later, she said she hadn't gone home because of an ongoing boil-water order in her community.

"I don't want to risk it," Shields said. "I'm not going to get up to boil water for the baby in the middle of the night, or take them to some other place for a bath, when we're already in good shape here."

Others were trying to figure out how to get home.

In the hard-hit resort mountain communities of Lake Arrowhead and Running Springs, many wanting to return were frustrated by roadblocks outside their neighborhoods.

Brian Babauta, 31, drove up Sunday from a San Bernardino hotel to try to get to his parents' house at Lake Arrowhead, but was turned away at a checkpoint.

Babauta finished the day miles away, sleeping in his truck in a grocery store parking lot.

"We tried getting up there through a back route down a dirt road, and there was a firefighter sitting there saying stuff was still burning," Babauta said. "I just want to see if the rumors are true that my house is still standing."

Others were working out how they would survive financially.

Janet Knecht supports three daughters, a grandson and her mother by cleaning houses in the wealthy mountain communities. She is concerned she may suffer financially until residents return home.

Before the fires, she earned $1,200 to $1,500 each month.

Knecht believes her renter's insurance will cover some of her personal property losses, and she plans to apply for lost wages at FEMA.

"I think we'll bounce back," she said. "The worst will be not being able to recover any of our personal things."

Seven deaths have been directly attributed to the fires, including those of four suspected illegal immigrants, whose burned bodies were found near the U.S.-Mexico border on Thursday.

Eleven Mexicans were being treated at a San Diego hospital for burns suffered in the wildfires after they crossed the border illegally, the Mexican government confirmed Saturday. Four were in critical condition.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Strike Ends For Now At Reynolds Schools

The teacher's strike in one Mercer County school district for now, despite the fact teachers don't have a new contract. The Reynolds School District in Greenville along with the Reynolds Education Association announced on Friday teachers will return to the classroom and schools will reopen on Monday, October 22. The school district and teachers union agreed to reopen the schools and return to the bargaining table. While the teachers continue to work without a contract their union representatives will meet up to six times over the next four weeks to resolve wage and health care disputes.

If the scheduled bargaining sessions do not result in progress, Act 88 arbitration will take place with an Act 88 arbitrator issuing an award that suggests a contract for the parties. Both parties commend each other for finding a way to return Reynolds students to the classroom at the earliest date.

Teachers went on strike nearly 10 days ago, protesting a failure to reach a contract deal with the school board. The Reynolds School District employs about 99 teachers.

Local Congressman Wants Drug Testing with Welfare Benefits

Congressman Phil English, who represents parts of Mercer County, wants Congress to require states to carry out drug testing for people who receive welfare checks. He's introduced new legislation to make drug testing a requirement if someone receives a welfare check.

"My legislation asks a simple question. Shouldn't the taxpayers be able to insist that welfare beneficiaries be clean and sober?" English said. "We know that substance addiction is a significant contributor to poverty. We also know that people have a chance to kick these habits if channeled into the right programs. We want to give state policymakers the chance to identify people who are grappling with addiction and get them the help they need and the incentive they need to overcome substance abuse."

INTERNATIONAL

Argentina's first lady poised to switch jobs with husband, launching dynasty

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) - The President Nestor Kirchner and the first lady Cristina Fernandez are poised to switch jobs in December, with partial results indicating that Argentines elected a female president for the first timein history and launched their country's most powerful political dynasty since Juan and Evita Peron.

Fernandez is a lawyer and senator who followed her husband as he rose from an obscure governorship to the presidency, drawing comparisons to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. She would bring a feistier and more glamorous style to the Pink House, Argentina's presidential palace, in which she has already spent the last four years.

But it is unclear how much change she will bring. Analysts say a strong win gives Fernandez an opportunity to right the problems of her husband's administration, including high inflation, an energy crisis and a shrinking budget surplus. Some warned her not to see it as an endorsement of all of Kirchner's policies.

In her victory speech Sunday night, Fernandez, 54, pledged not to let that happen.

"We have won amply," she said. "But this, far from putting us in a position of privilege, puts us instead in a position of greater responsibilities and obligations."

With nearly 95 percent of polling places reporting, Fernandez had about 45 percent of the vote, compared with 23 percent for former lawmaker Elisa Carrio and 17 percent for former Economy Minister Roberto Lavagna. Eleven others split the rest.

According to Argentine electoral rules, Fernandez avoids a runoff with at least 40 percent and a margin of 10 percent over the runner-up.

Carrio spokesman Matias Mendez said seven parties had filed a complaint alleging missing or stolen ballots. One representative of the ruling party was arrested on suspicion of trying to vote twice, and a judge extended voting by an hour in the capital because many polling stations opened late.

Argentina's 27.1 million registered voters also filled dozens of House and Senate seats and nine governorships. Vice President Daniel Scioli won the race for governor of Buenos Aires province, the country's second most powerful post.

Kirchner oversaw a dramatic recovery from a crippling 2001 economic crisis, repaying Argentina's entire $9.5 billion debt to the International Monetary Fund, although critics say Argentina would be riper for sustainable development if he had better managed the income from soaring commodity prices.

But while his accomplishments helped Fernandez win the presidency, they won't help her succeed in office.

"I think her husband had the advantage of everyone saying, 'He got us out of the crisis,'" said Michael Shifter of the Inter-American Dialogue think tank in Washington. "Well, they can't say that about her, because they already got out of the crisis."

Riordan Roett, director of Western Hemisphere studies at Johns Hopkins University, predicted a troubled term because of rising inflation, frozen energy prices and defaulted debt to rich nations.

"This is a dynasty-in-waiting, but it will collapse as they all do if she can't get a team together to differentiate herself from Nestor Kirchner," he said.

Fernandez ran an unorthodox campaign, refusing to debate and spending much of the time abroad in photo-ops with world leaders. Her chic European dresses and designer bags drew comparisons with Evita Peron, another fashion-conscious and politically influential Argentine first lady.

She would be Argentina's second female president; Isabel Peron – who married Juan Peron after Evita's death – was his vice president when he died in 1974, and served for 20 chaotic months before a military coup ousted her.

As for Kirchner, he has said he'll be happy as "first gentleman" after he hands his wife the presidential sash and scepter on Dec. 10. But few expect him to fade too far into the background – and some even suspect the couple is plotting to reverse roles again in 2011.

"That's the million-dollar question: What will Kirchner do after handing over power?" said political scientist Gustavo Martinez Pandiani. "No one believes he's going to be in his pajamas and slippers, waiting for his wife to come home so he can say, 'Hi. How was your day?'"

Campus News

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity is "Jumping for Hope"

New 24-hour philanthropy event intended to raise money to help Youth AIDS

Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

To draw awareness and to raise money for Youth AIDS the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon are "Jumping for Hope."

Starting at 8 a.m. on Oct. 31st and continuing until 8 a.m. November 1st, the brothers are taking turns jumping on a big trampoline on the quad.

"This year's 'Jump for Hope' is our first philanthropy event in awhile and all of the brothers are really excited about it," Sigma Phi Epsilon brother Jake Shaffer said. "We are really looking forward to helping to fight Youth AIDS and to make "Jump for Hope" annual event."

The brothers are taking turns jumping in pairs for two hours each to cover the 24 hour jumping time period. Other Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters hold similar events and are successful in raising money and awareness for Youth AIDS.

"Jake Shaffer and I went to the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Convention this year and we attended a philanthropy workshop there," Sigma Phi Epsilon President Travis Bieda said. "The idea for jumping on a trampoline was one of the suggestions for philanthropy events that were mentioned during the workshop."

Since the event is being held on Halloween the brothers are going to be dressed up in costumes while they jump.

"I'm not exactly sure who came up with the idea of dressing up while we jump," Sigma Phi Epsilon Philanthropy Chair Charlie Bigelow said. "However, since the event is to take place on Halloween we just felt that dressing up for the event would be appropriate and that it would attract more attention."

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity works nationally to fight against Youth AIDS.

"Youth AIDS is the official philanthropy of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and they have a lot of support with helping out Youth AIDS," Bigelow said.

"Every chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity usually hosts events that help to benefit the Youth AIDS Philanthropy and we are just trying to do our part to help the cause."

In addition to jumping, the fraternity is selling red ribbons in the Tub and the proceeds go towards fighting Youth AIDS. Students and staff can purchase the ribbons for $1 and write their name on the ribbons. Then the brothers take the ribbons and attach them to a big sign hanging in the Tub to show the college's support in preventing Youth AIDS.

According to the Youth AIDS Web site, every minute a child dies from AIDS. In partnering with the Youth AIDS Foundation, Sigma Phi Epsilon hopes to decrease this statistic and to educate people about Youth AIDS.

The Youth AIDS Foundation's mission is to use "media, pop culture, music, theatre and sports to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS."

They are trying to get their message out to 600 million children and teenagers in over 60 countries in order to educate them about "life-saving messages, products, services and care."

Stand-Up Standoff features best and worst of Westminster comedy, raises money for Children's Miracle Network

Phi Mu's annual event raises over $570 this year

By Leah Hast
Campus Writer

The best and the worst of Westminster's comedy were exposed at Phi Mu's Stand-Up Standoff philanthropy event on Monday Oct. 15.

Phi Mu presented their second annual Stand-Up Standoff at 7:00 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge. The event helped raise money for Phi Mu's philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network. A total of 10 contestants participated in the event. Each contestant represented a campus organization. The contestants were asked to put together a 3 to 5 minute comedy act. The event was open to all campus organizations.

Along with the comedy acts, Phi Mu also had a bake sale, a 50-50 raffle, and a gift-card raffle. Local sponsors included South Beach Tanning, Pizza Joe's, Luigi's Pizza, The Wright Place Salon, Hess Sports Complex and Mugsies. The event raised a total of $572.02 for the Children's Miracle Network.

"The event was a success because it brought together the Greek community and other organizations for the goal of raising money for kids," Phi Mu President Laura DellAntonio said.

Organizations that took place in the comedy competition were Campus Programming Council, Phi Kappa Tau, Black Student Union, Mu Phi Epsilon, Allies, Kappa Delta, Theta Chi, Dance Theater and Phi Mu. Although Phi Mu was unable to win the competition, they still took part. The emcee of the event, Christina Roseto, did a short bit to represent Phi Mu.

"We thought since we were hosting the event, it would be a good idea to have someone represent us," Roseto said. "Since I was emceeing, I volunteered to do the opening skit to warm the audience up."

There were three faculty judges for the event. The winner of the event was Scott Lawrence, who represented the Campus Programming Council.

Nationally, Phi Mu has supported the Children's Miracle Network since 1986. CMN is an international non-profit organization

dedicated to raising money for children's hospitals. The money raised goes directly towards new equipment, patient services, research, and health education programs. CMN helps treat children with cancer, trauma, heart, lung, and muscular diseases, birth defects, AIDS, and accident victims regardless of the families' economic situation. 17 million children across America are treated at CMN hospitals each year and benefit from their assistance.

"The sisters of Phi Mu are extremely honored to represent such a worthwhile and exceptional organization," DellAntonio said.

According to Phi Mu's Philanthropy chair, Lisa Gayetsky, there will be several other opportunities to help Phi Mu support CMN.

"As always we will be doing candy canes for kids near Christmas and kisses for kids around Valentines day," Gayetsky said.

Phi Mu will also be doing their annual pancake breakfast the week before mid-terms. Students will have a chance to order pancakes and have them delivered to their rooms by Phi Mu members.

"It's a chance for students to relax a little while studying for their mid-terms," Gayetsky said.

All Greek organizations on campus sponsor a non-profit organization. Each year they raise money for their philanthropy by selling items and holding different events.

Honor societies collect used books for kids

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

For the month of November, Kappa Delta Pi and Mortar Board honor societies will be collecting new and used books.

The drive focuses on collecting mainly children's books, but adult books will also be accepted. The collection of books will benefit the Walker Neighborhood House, Farrell Elementary School and the Crisis Center in New Castle.

"This is my first year participating in the event, and I'm glad I have the chance to," senior Jack Marti said. "The collection of books benefits children greatly all over the community."

Marti, senior member of Mortar Board, and Catherine Bishop, junior President elect of Kappa Delta Pi are the student coordinators this year for the event.

Mortar Board is an honor society for seniors who are recognized for their academic, community service and leadership skills.

Kappa Delta Pi is an education honor society that accepts the top 20 percent of students with the goal of obtaining a teacher certification.

"Last year we had a great turnout, we collected 502 books total, including 167 books that were for adults," senior President of Kappa Delta Pi Dana Larson said.

There will be drop-off boxes all over campus in academic buildings, dormitories and locations in the local community. Some of these places will be at main businesses like banks.

"This is a great and simple way to donate back to the community," Bishop said. "Overall, children will benefit by receiving donated books that will help them learn how to read and get them interested in reading."

In addition to donating books, other donations are greatly appreciated and will be received.

Bishop and Marti will be available to answer questions about the drive, cash donations and pick-up of the books or other questions and concerns.

Any support and donations the drive receives are greatly appreciated. Collection boxes can be found in the buildings around campus for the whole month of November

Mock Convention

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Edwards is deeply concerned with the war in Iraq and believes that the Iraqi people need to take responsibility for their own country. To do this, according to Edwards, the United States must let them know we are serious about leaving Iraq and then actually leave. When elected, Edwards plans to immediately withdraw 40,000 to 50,000 troops and finish a complete withdraw within nine to ten months. He plans to station 3,500 to 5,000 troops there to protect the embassy.

With regards to the environment, Edwards will create a climate treaty that will call for all countries to reduce their pollution. He will also reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 15% by 2020 through a cap-and-trade system. According to John Edwards' Web site, "Edwards believes that with American ingenuity and resolve we can turn the crisis of global warming into an opportunity–ending our dependence on foreign oil and creating a new energy economy that embraces innovation, brings rural communities back to life and creates new, good-paying jobs."

Gay rights are one of Edwards' most important issues, too. He believes that same-sex couples should have the same rights as straight couples, including inheritance rights, hospital visitation rights and equal pension and health care benefits, among others. Same-sex couples should also be allowed to adopt children, and the enforcement of laws concerning hate crimes should be strengthened.

Milcarzyk believes he has really grown as a member of the political community through representing Edwards in our Mock Convention.

"I think that I have grown more aware of politics as a whole," he said. "The single most asked question is if I am voting for John Edwards. The answer is a simple yes. I am a Democrat, and feel that Edwards is the best thing for the party. On a national level, when the election comes around I might stray to a third party, or I might not. I have a lot more to learn about each candidate and will make my decision then."

Maniates speaks

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As an example, Professor Maniates brought up the Market House in Meadville, a small farmers market that was failing when he arrived there in 1993. People decided to come together, though, to build it back up. It brought farmers, community members, and local students together, and made the Market House a place where people wanted to go, it was not just a burden.

"Sacrifice has a lot of negative associations," Maniates said at the beginning of his presentation, "But it can also mean 'to make sacred.'" Meadville residents made the Market House sacred in their own way by coming together as they did.

Several students attended, with a variety of sentiments coming forth.

"I was excited about the number of people who came to tonight's presentation and I believe it shows that the student body is hungry for more information concerning all of these global issues," junior Environmental Science major Melanie Mathews, said. "Together we can all reduce consumption on the campus by making small daily lifestyle changes. But as Mike Maniates stated, we also must be aware of the bigger picture and begin to 'articulate vision and speak truth' to those surrounding us."

Ben O'Keefe, a sophomore Public Relations major, felt a little differently.

"He had a lot of ideas and a lot of what he said made sense," O'Keefe said, "But I still don't know if people will care enough to really come together nationwide to make a difference for something like this."

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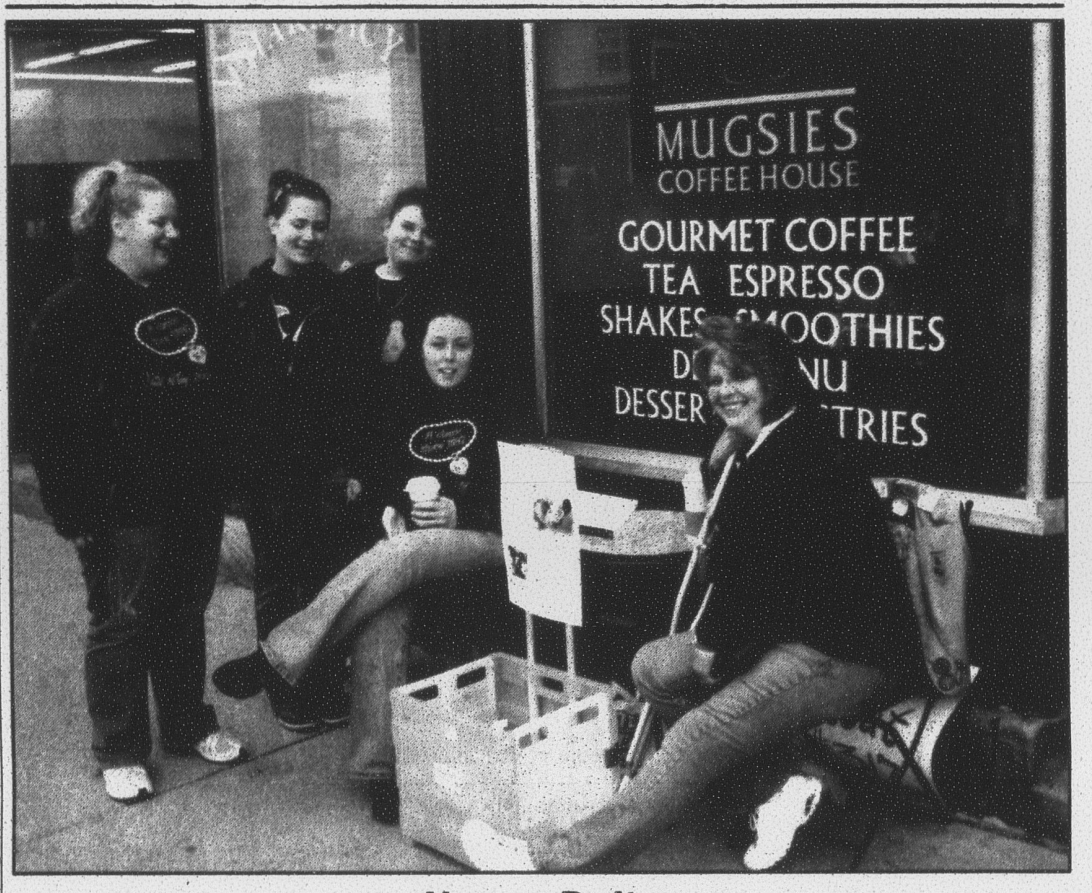

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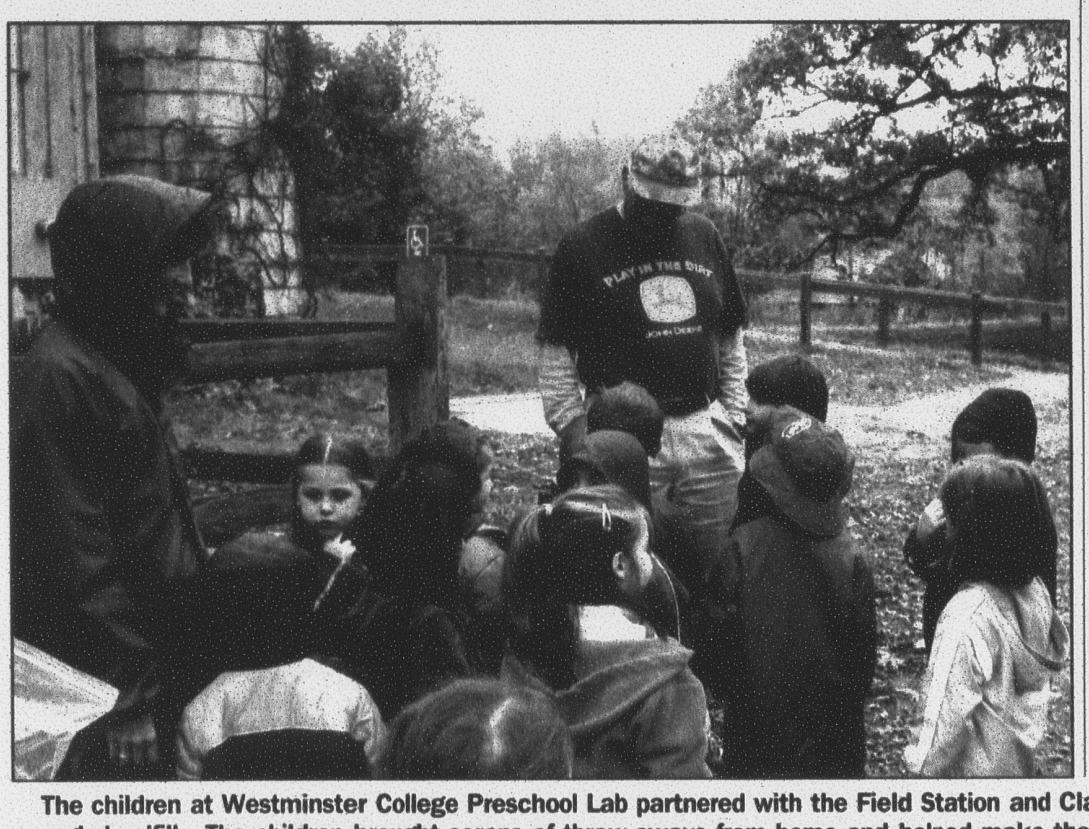

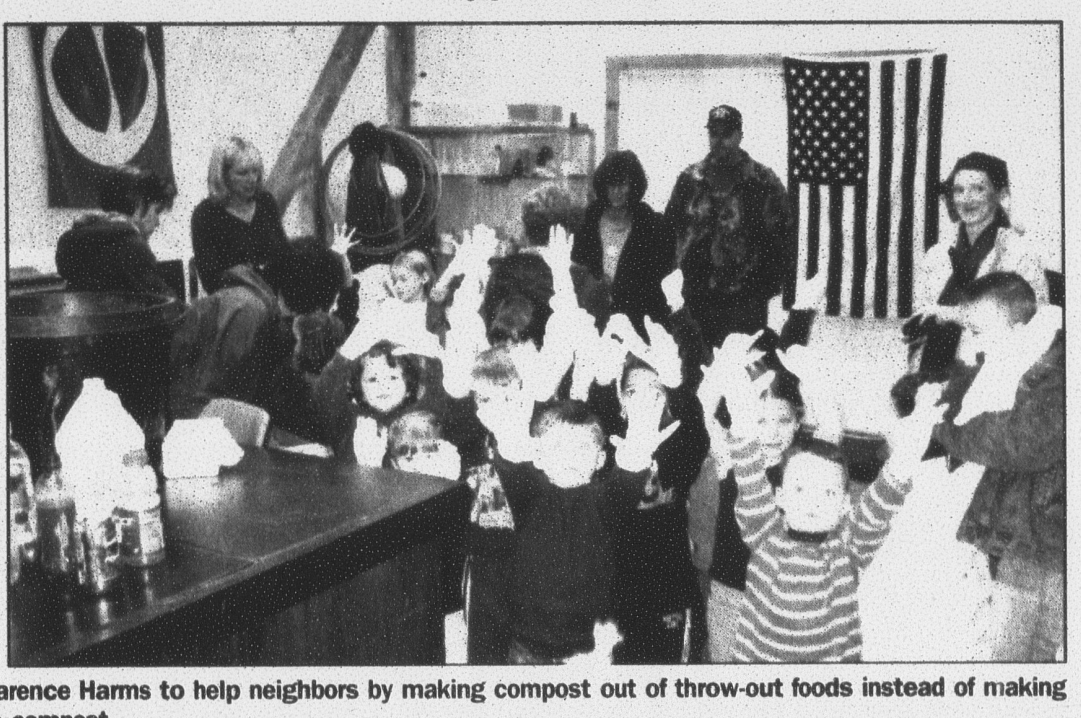

The children at Westminster College Preschool Lab partnered with the Field Station and Clarence Harms to help neighbors by making compost out of throw-out foods instead of making an ugly landfill. The children brought scraps of throw-aways from home and helped make the compost.

Field Station/Preschool Lab

Members of the Westminster College Feminists went to the Lawrence Country Crisis Shelter. The shelter takes in women, often with children, who need a place to stay. These women are often victims of domestic violence and rape. They usually only stay for a short time until they get back on their feet or have somewhere else to go, but the facility provides housing for up to two years.

They planted about 20 trees outside to brighten up the area, painted inside, and cleaned out the food pantry of anything expired. Almost everything at the shelter is donated or made my volunteers. It runs on government funding and donations, and the government matches the donations or time spent with funding.

Feminists

Preschool Lab

Eight volunteers for the Sierra Student Coaltion headed out to do an Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on their one-mile sponsored section of Route 80 on Sunday afternoon. The group collected a total of 13 heavy duty trash bags full of garbage, along with some other random objects, such as fallen down road signs, sand bags, and tires. From left to right: Tammy Benninger, Heather Lorigan, Noelle Nuckels, and Cassandra Treshok.

Sierra Student Coalition

Photos contributed by participating organizations

A special thanks to all who took time out of their Day to Make a Difference!

Campus News

Bleasby Colloquium features professor of English

Dr. Jim Perkins read a short story entitled "Tenebrae for Lonnie" from his work A Thunderous Number of Weird

By Becky Penn
Campus Writer

Mueller Theater was filled beyond capacity on Oct. 25, when Dr. Jim Perkins read a short story to 104 members of the campus community.

Perkins, a professor in the Department of English and Public Relations, spoke at the second Bleasby Colloquium of the school year. He read a short story entitled "Tenebrae for Lonnie" from an unpublished book entitled *A Thunderous Number of Weird.* Perkins was introduced by his former student and colleague, Mrs. Evann Garrison of the English department.

"I had a bad attitude about school and writing when I came to college," Garrison said. "Jim changed my college life; Jim changed my life."

Perkins began his teaching career at Miami University in 1965. He also taught at Memphis State University, The University of Tennessee and All Saints' Episcopal School before coming here in 1973.

In addition to teaching, Perkins started writing poetry when he was 28 years old. He is the author of 896 poems, 65 short stories and two novels.

"I started because one of my students asked me why a poet had done something," Perkins said. "I had no idea why poets did anything. To answer the student's question, I began writing poems and quickly found out it was fun."

Perkins gets his ideas for his writing from many different sources. One of his stories began after he overheard a woman at work commenting that a man who did not speak English had a key to her apartment.

Perkins got the idea for "Tenebrae for Lonnie" after reading David Madden's short story, "The World's One Breathing." He enjoyed the character of Reatha Dameron so much that he asked Madden if he could write a story about her, and Madden agreed.

Perkins describes "Tenebrae for Lonnie" as a collaboration of fact and fiction. While the fictional Dameron plays a large role, Perkins also included both himself and Madden as characters. His character even lives in New Wilmington and teaches at Westminster. There are several lines in the short story that joke about the size of the campus and town.

Freshman Kelly Lake was one of the many students who attended at the Bleasby. Like most present, she was quite impressed with what she heard.

"As an English major and as someone who loves to write, I found the presentation really interesting and inspiring," Lake said. "Dr. Perkins definitely knows how to write a short story."

After teaching for 42 years, Perkins is retiring after this school year. He plans to spend his retirement editing *The Selected Letters of Robert Penn Warren* for LSU Press, writing a novel, finishing *A Thunderous Number of Weird* and assembling a volume of his selected poetry.

Perkins would like to thank his audience for being so attentive and responsive. When he first arrived at the Bleasby, Perkins admitted that he was not sure what his story was about. By the end of the evening, he felt that the audience had helped him learn a great deal about his story.

"Any public reading is sort of a laboratory for a writer," Perkins said. "No matter how much I sit and imagine what the reader's response to something will be, I can't replace a roomful of people laughing at all the right places."

A copy of Perkins's *Snakes, Butterbeans, and the Discovery of Electricity,* a selection of 33 short stories, is available in the campus bookstore.

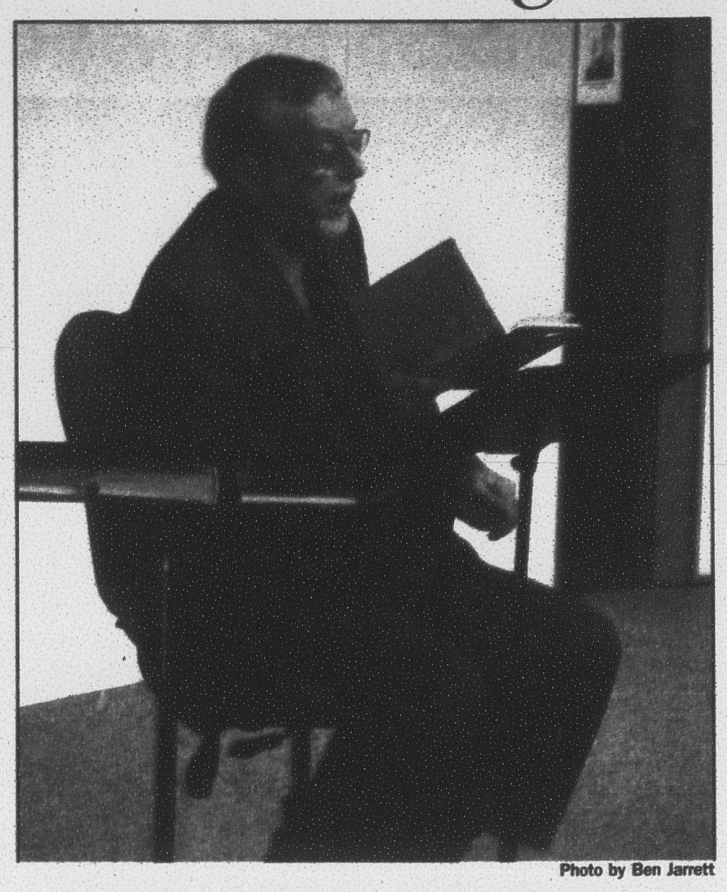

Photo by Ben Jarrett

104 members of the campus attended the Bleasby Colloquium on Oct. 25, featuring a short story reading by Dr. Jim Perkins.

Students, professor attend PRSSA conference

By Carrie Hill
Staff Writer

Two conferences brought together over 3,200 public relations professionals, educators and students this past weekend in Philadelphia.

The Public Relations Society of America, including professionals and teachers and its affiliate, the Public Relations Student Society of America, met for seminars and lectures October 19-23. Members Kelly Corbin and Ashley Beaver traveled with advisor Mrs. Delores Natale to these meetings for public relations students and advisors from all over the country and the world.

Many seminars and lectures offered insight to the field of public relations, happenings within the field and improving leadership in PRSSA chapters. Some of the sessions that students attended were development workshops which focused on writing effective résumés and improving interviewing skills.

"I hope to supply our members with the information and opportunities that I learned about, especially the outgoing seniors," said Corbin, the local PRSSA president.

Natale, PRSSA advisor, attended the professional conference. The theme was "PR Evolution: Innovation, Collaboration, and Influence." According to Natale, the main purpose of the conference was for the professionals and teachers to gain insight and innovative ideas to take back with them to their workplaces or classrooms. Meetings and seminars allowed these professionals to learn about the new directions that public relations is taking.

"The hottest topic was social media, like MySpace and YouTube, where people make their own communities," Natale said. "A lot of PR professionals are learning how to use PR in that kind of media."

PRSSA students attended lectures by successful public relations professionals and journalists. PR professionals from companies and organizations, including Coca-Cola, American Red Cross, March of Dimes and St. Jude Children's Hospital, spoke about their work in public relations.

Tim Russert, political analyst for NBC and moderator of "Meet the Press," spoke about how the newest electronics have changed communication and how it can be used by media professionals. Russert also discussed the objectivity necessary, but not always used, in his world of journalism.

Mia Farrow, most famous for her acting, has become a humanitarian and spoke to raise awareness for the situation in Darfur. She appealed to the professionals and students at the lecture to help support organizations like Doctors Without Borders, which is attempting to help the suffering people.

Her message moved all in attendance and inspired others including Corbin to do more about the situation. Corbin said that she would like to partner with Amnesty International and other PRSSA chapters in writing a letter encouraging legislative involvement regarding the situation in Darfur.

"She presented the topic very well, and it was great to see how it impacted a student and that it will have a lasting effect here," Natale said.

Each presenter at the conference had a unique view on the field of public relations and worked in different areas, like political organizations or non-profit foundations. Hearing from such a diverse group of people gave students the chance to see how many different ways they could be involved in the field of public relations and helped them to decide where they fit.

Students were also able to ask the many professionals in attendance questions at panel discussions. Various public relations agencies and organizations attended a career exhibit where students could learn about job and internship opportunities.

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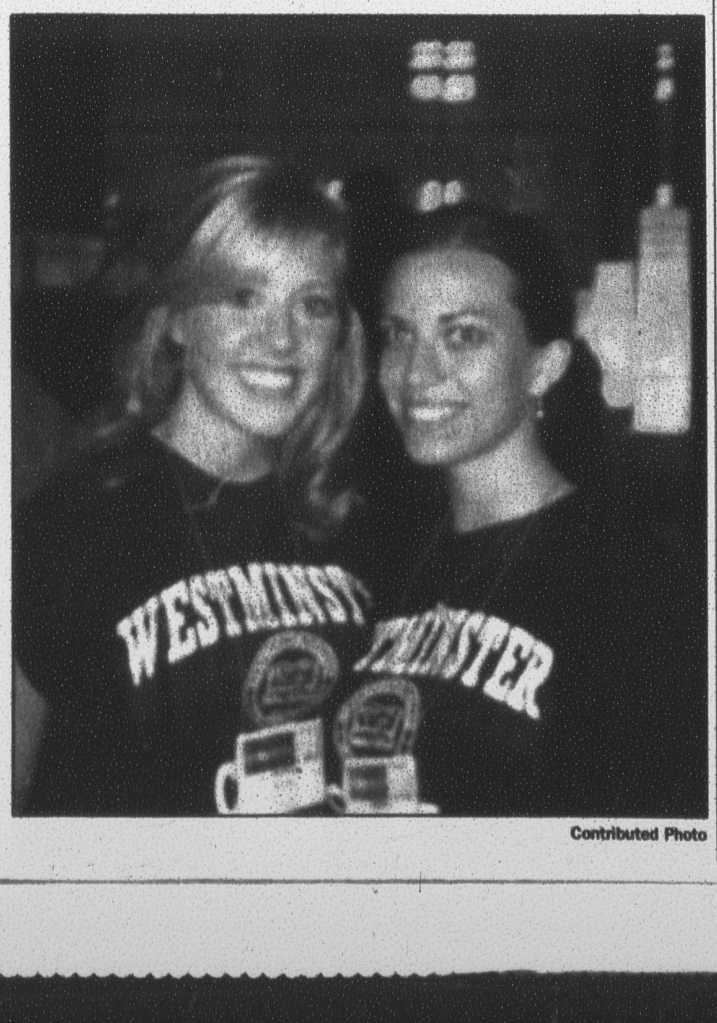
Public Relations professor Delores Natale and senior public relations majors Ashley Beaver and Kelly Corbin attended the PRSSA national conference in Philadelphia.



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Audio-Visual department hosts events during week of celebration

By Brian Carbone
Campus Writer

The Audio-Visual department took part in celebrating International Audio-Visual Week on campus by hosting a number of activities during the week of October 21-27.

Students were given the opportunity to see demonstrations of new technologies that are currently being created , such as Hi-Definition Television, and also, participate in giveaways, training sessions and roundtable discussions. Audio and visual services are a major staple in the world community and provide people with everyday services that help in day to day activities.

"I think AV week is good for the campus because it spotlights the AV services that are provided on campus as well as highlights the importance of a multi-billion dollar industry that is often overlooked," junior AV staff member Jim Bryan said.

For the past 17 years the director of audio visual services at the college has been Westminster's own Gary Swanson. He graduated from the college in 1988 and returned in 1990 as the director. Swanson was quite enthused about participating in the international event. He hopes the events helped people understand what the AV department is about and that it is utilized by students more efficiently in the future.

"I think when people think of technology they immediately think of computers," Swanson said. "One of the things that this week is about is getting the word out that it's much more than that and audio visual services also play a major role in technology."

The Audio-Visual department offers a wide variety of services and equipment to students and faculty. A few of the services that are offered consist of poster printing, laminating, high-resolution printing, full color CD/DVD printing, media duplication, a media library, media editing, digital photography editing and help with almost any project that deals with something in the AV area. In addition, the AV department offers equipment rentals where a student can sign out a piece of equipment to use for an assignment, free of charge. Some of the pieces of equipment that are offered are video camcorders, digital cameras, microphones and a sound system, as well as a working teleprompter and much more.

"Audio-Visual resources find themselves at the intersection of information technologies and communication. Information must be communicated effectively, efficiently, and swiftly to be useful. Audio-Visual resource specialists play a key role in making this happen," Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jesse Mann said in a campus email last week.

Audio-Visual services are offered around the globe through a number of channels of communication. Any sporting event, concert or other form of entertainment could not be possible without the services that the audio-visual industry provides.

"One of the reasons I came to this school was because of the live truck offered by the department that brings people live coverage of a lot of the sporting events in the area, and from this I know how important a role the AV industry plays in providing many services to everyone," sophomore broadcast communications major Matthew Ogden said.

Audio-Visual services are essential in the day to day lives of every human. The services offered here are just some of the few that the industry has to provide to the world. Still, these services are underutilized and overlooked by the campus community.

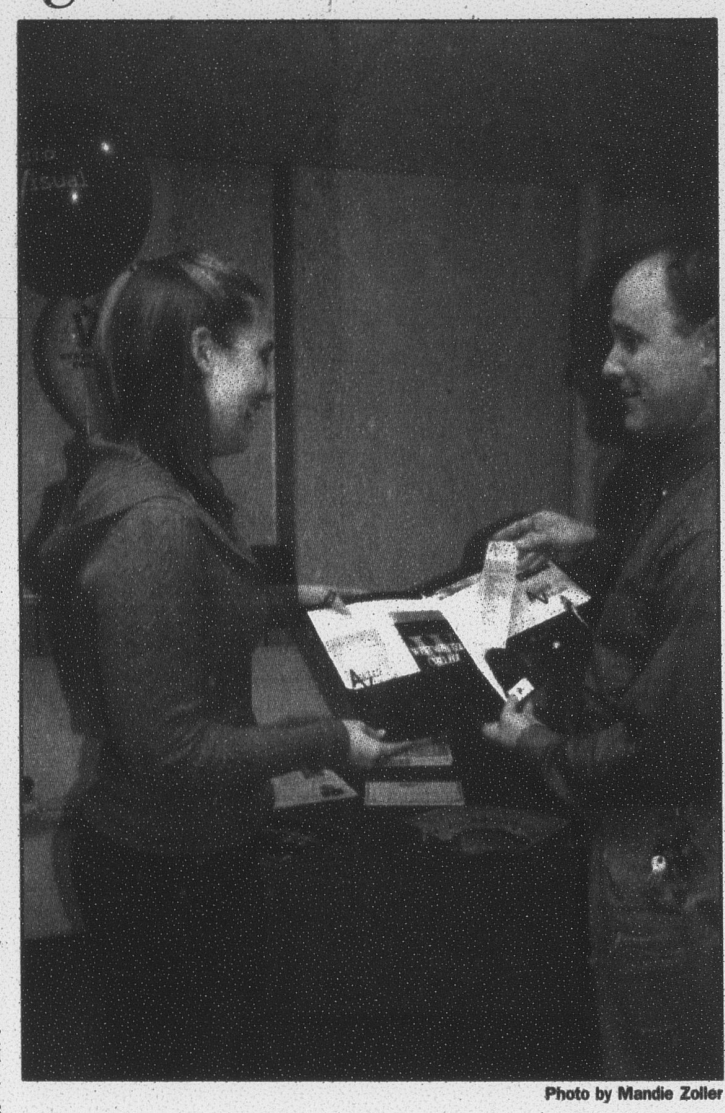


Photo by Mandie Zoller

The Audio-Visual department hosted a number of activities to take part in International Audio-Visual Week.

Photo by Mandie Zoller

Sports

Women's Tennis claims PAC runner-up spot

Coach Renninger named PAC women's tennis coach of the year

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans' tennis team placed second in the 2007 PAC Women's Tennis Championships Saturday, October 20 at the Pennbriar Athletic Club in Erie. The Titans completed the second day of competition with 33 points. Grove City won the title for a 21st consecutive year with 50 points.

Head coach Scott Renninger was named PAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year for a second straight year as the Titans claimed the runner-up spot for a consecutive season, while sophomore Hilary Newman earned the No. 3 singles title with a 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 win over Grove City's Lisa Baldwin.

The Titans had four other runner-up finishes, as the following players earned second-team all-PAC honors for their second-place results on Saturday:

Sophomore April Scudere, the reigning No. 4 singles champion, placed second at No. 1 singles this year, losing to PAC Player of the Year Tamara Nations of Grove City, 6-4, 6-2, in the finals.

Freshman Rachel Jack lost a hard-fought match in the No. 5 singles championships match against Grove City's Kristin Taylor, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

In doubles action, Scudere and Newman lost in the No. 2 doubles finals, 9-8 (5), against Grove City's Kati Garcia and Chris Sager. The senior No. 3 doubles tandem of Trista Houck and Anna Will also fell in the finals, 8-2, against Taylor and Julie Bellissimo of Grove City.

Third-place winners for Westminster included Christina Commisso at No. 4 singles as she defeated Alyssa Tousignant (6-1, 6-1) of Washington & Jefferson. Freshman Natalie Hruska (Hermitage, Pa./Hickory) topped Chatham's Megan Padula (6-0, 6-0) in the third-place match at No. 6 singles.

Commisso and senior Dana Larson took third in the No. 1 doubles bracket with a 9-8 (5) win over Chatham's Erica Parrinello and Barbara Petty.

This completes the fall season for the Westminster women's tennis team. The Titans are scheduled to play three matches at Hilton Head Island, S.C., March 16-19.

Titan football breaks even with fourth win

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The football team evened its record to 4-4 for the season with a 34-30 non-conference home win over Frostburg State (2-6) on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Harold Burry Stadium.

The Titan offense looked unstoppable against Frostburg State as the team piled up scores on their first five possessions. Most notable was the performance by quarterback Kevin Franz who threw for a blistering 82 percent passing for the day.

To go along with Franz's great percentage, he had three passing touchdowns and only one interception that was returned for a Frostburg touchdown late in the game.

Franz was not the only offensive juggernaut for the Titans, however; Brett Ziegler and Nick McKolosky both put up great numbers as well.

Tailback McKolosky set a new career high with 156 rushing yards and tied his record for career carries with 28. McKolosky also scored the first two Westminster touchdowns in the first quarter, the first on a 4-yard run and the second on a 15-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Kevin Franz. Going into the second quarter, the Titans were up 14-7.

Neither team was willing to let up as 26 points were scored in the second quarter. Senior receiver Ziegler got the Titans scoring in the second with a 36-yard touchdown reception. Ziegler caught five passes for 99 yards and two touchdowns. He is now ranked third all-time in school history with 126 receptions in his illustrious career at Westminster. After the dust cleared in the second quarter, the score was 27-20 in favor of the Titans, going into halftime.

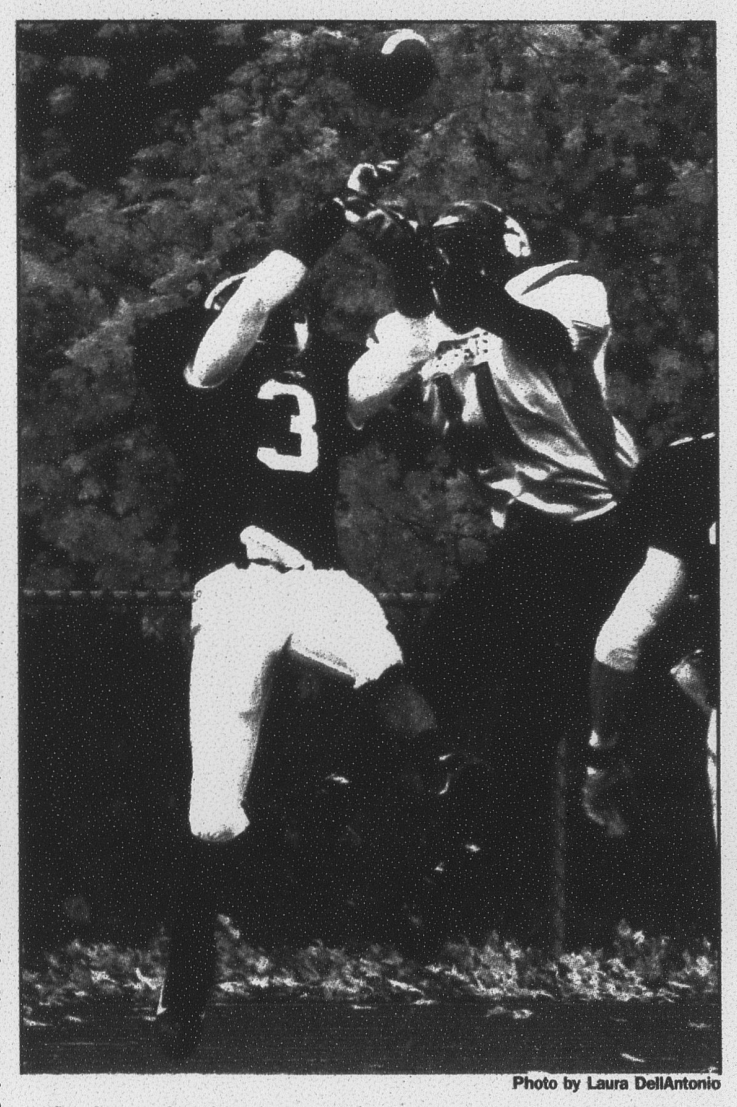


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior defensive back, Eric Brown goes up for the ball against a Frostburg State player on Sat. October, 27. The Titans went on to win 34-30.

The second half kicked off with a little less offense as both defenses showed up to grind it out. Frostburg State could only muster a field goal throughout the entire third quarter. Ziegler scored his second of two touchdowns in the third on a 28-yard pass from Franz making the score 34-23. Westminster headed into the fourth and final quarter.

The fourth quarter was all about defense. The only two turnovers of the game took place in this quarter as the Titans fought to hold onto an 11-point lead. Franz's one mistake of the game almost ended up costing him as his pass was picked off by Frostburg's cornerback Derek Saunders and returned 52 yards for a touchdown, making the score 34-30 in favor of the Titans.

With the game on the line, the Titan defense took to the field. The defense made a few stands, along with Scott Brucker, who forced a fumble with a little over three minutes left in the game, which was recovered by Adam Falkowski of the Titans.

Both defenses held strong and the score ended 34-30 Westminster.

Senior Shane Parker said the offense had an incredible day which the team needs at every game.

"Well as an offense we know we have what it takes to be physical and run the ball, and quite frankly we were getting sick of people saying we couldn't get it done, especially the guys up front," Parker said. "We made it a point to go out and be physical every play of the game and show people that we can get it done. We took a lot of pride in our performance on Saturday, but we still have to be ready to play a good Thiel team."

Parker also commented on the Titans' upcoming game.

"Thiel is much more technically sound than Frostburg state, so we are going tohave to be more sound and take it to them from the start. If we come out and jump on them from the get go and take away any premonitions they might have had about winning the game, then we will come out on top," Parker said.

Titan football hosts powerful conference opponent, Thiel, on Saturday, Nov. 3, which will also be a senior recognition day for the players.

Broadcast Communications major works as intern for Cleveland Indians

By Benjamin O'Keefe
Campus Writer

Few can boast that their internship gave them the chance to show their face in front of thousands of people. One student on this campus now can.

Senior broadcast communication major Chris Norris spent the summer as a scoreboard production intern for the Cleveland Indians. As a fan of the team, Norris was thrilled to take the job.

"It was probably the best summer of my life" Norris said.

In July, Norris made a music video of a montage of Indian's highlights. His video was played on the scoreboard during a game for 32,000 people.

Norris was later approached by his adviser and was asked to make an October video for the Indians.

Each team that makes it to the play-offs has to play a play-off memories video during playoff games, but the Indians did not have one. Norris took on the project with sophomore costar Ben Portz.

"It's really cool how every night they played it thousands of people saw watching us," Portz said.

The video re-enacts of playoff memories of the Indians. It was played for every playoff game in Jacobs Field for 44,000 people each time. The video can be found at www.actober.com where it received a four out of five star rating. It can also be viewed at www.youtube.com.

"That was probably the highlight of it," said Norris, "I got to write, produce, direct and star in it."

He had plans to produce another video that would be played during the World Series, but the Indians were knocked out in the play-offs.

Norris' job as a scoreboard production intern included running cameras, operating the out-of-town scoreboard, running instant replays and setup of PA systems for events in the ballpark. At times he would have a hard time focusing on his work because he was so involved in the games.

The Cleveland Indians have the second largest scoreboard of any team in the league, followed by Atlanta Braves. It takes a great deal of staff to keep it running.

During the internship, Norris went to all of the Indian's home games. While doing work he also saw and met some of the players.

Norris' videos did not only make an impact in the stadium, but has also begun to inspire Cleveland fans on this campus.

"Cleveland sports fans are an underrepresented minority on this campus," Adam Griffith said. "His video will go far in promoting the Cleveland sports franchises."

Volleyball hosts PAC's, look to capture title

By Tom Campana
Sports Writer

The Women's volleyball team is on a hot streak and is hoping to stay hot through this weekend's PAC tournament.

The Lady Titans clinched the top seed in the PAC, as they beat Washington and Jefferson this past Saturday. The Titans ran through the Presidents in a 3-0 sweep as the won their matches, (30-21 30-21 30-16).

The lady Titans have won 15 straight and have won their last 18 of 19 matches, as they will hope to continue their streak in contention of a PAC championship. The last Titan loss dates back to September 29th as the Titans were defeated 2-3 by the Saints of Thomas More.

"We just have to stay focused and play as a team, just like we have all season…that will be our key to success," senior Jenna Hinks said.

If you do not recall last season ending, the Titans were the first seed entering the tournament, but were upset in the second round by the 2006 PAC champions Thomas More.

"Our ultimate goal is to win PACs, we just have to take it one game at a time," senior Danielle Hogue said.

As the Lady Titans walk into the 2007 PAC tournament, they will need to be prepared to face the winner of either Waynesburg (10-20) or Washington and Jefferson (17-10). The Titans will play the winner on Friday, November 2 at 6 p.m.

Thomas More holds the second seed as they will face the winner of #6 Thiel or #3 Grove City on Friday, at 8 p.m.

The Lady Titans will be led into battle under a strong senior class, (Danielle Hogue, Jess Cooper, Jenna Hinks, and Hannah Parker) as well as a very talented underclass as they look for their first PAC championship since 2002.

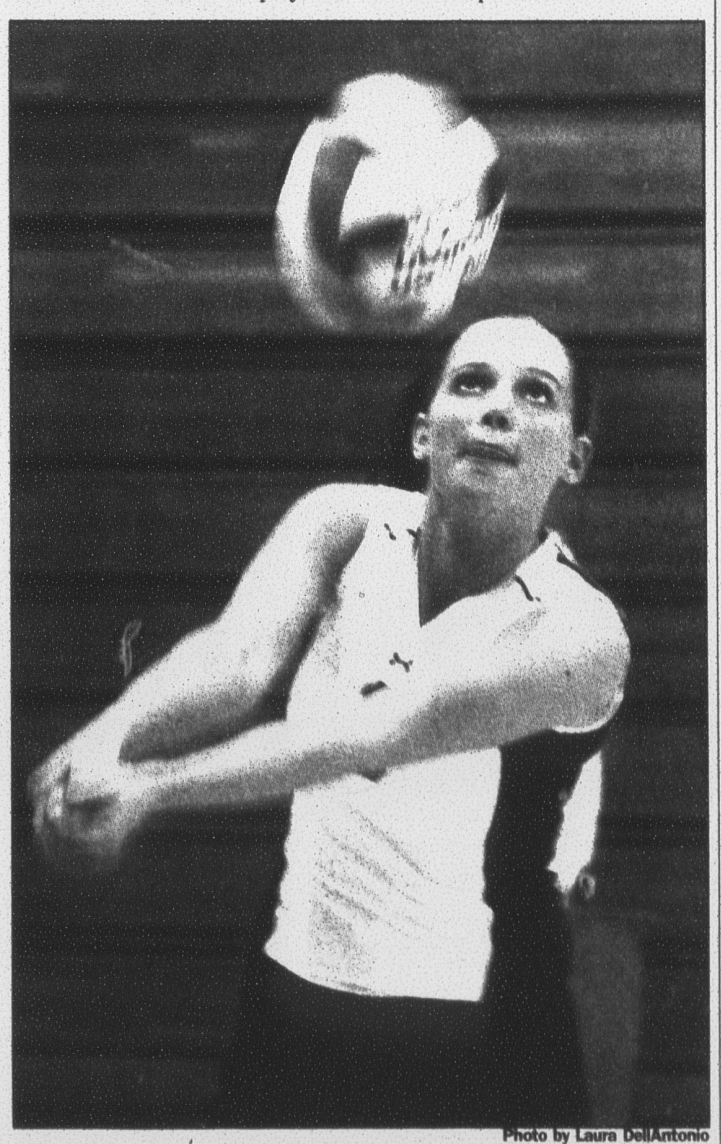


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

This titan volleyball player concentrates as she bumps the ball over the net during the PAC tournament.

Overtime Oddities

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

"After winning 25 of their last 26 games, the Colorado Rockies have just captured the World Series." This is how my column was supposed to read this week.

After a colossal collapse that felt almost routine to Cleveland fans, I had hoped the Rockies would rock the Boston Red Sox for the World Series crown. However, even if they could not beat Boston, I had hoped to watch an exciting series that went six, if not seven games.

Because this year's October classic was about as exciting as I don't know, say, a funeral, my mind began to concoct other quarries. As I watched Brett Favre forever enshrine himself into Monday Night Football folklore, I began to ponder the period that is overtime.

I decided to come up with a revolution to overturn overtime. When we think of overtime in the NFL or in college football, the first thing that comes to mind is excitement and thrill. However, has it ever been questioned why these do or die overtime periods employ their current rules.

"Offense, defense, and special teams," is a phrase that has been proclaimed by coaches ranging from Vince Lombardi and Jim Tressel all the way down to the likes of Dennis Green, because, "They are who we thought they were." When I think of college football's version of overtime, I am surprised that coaches are complacent that special teams are, with the exception of field goals, completely ignored.

Special teams is, in my esteemed opinion, one of the most exciting components of football, and for them to be ignored is a travesty that takes away from the game. As much as I am disgruntled with college football's recognition of special teams, tip of the cap to college football for letting each team have an opportunity to play offense and defense.

In the NFL, the biggest factor in overtime just might be the coin toss. Because the NFL's version of overtime is sudden death, a team's mentality is to get to the opposition's 35 yard line, kick a field goal, and win the game.

Because of this ridiculousness, I have proposed a solution to outlandish overtimes. If NFL commissioner Roger Goodell would spend less time worrying about taking the NFL to London, surely he would have thought of this solution. The NFL and college football should do what the NBA and college basketball do; essentially have what amounts to be an extra period.

If at the end of four quarters the game is tied, there should be another quarter that is 10 minutes long. I know, I know, what if the game is still tied after the first overtime period? Then, the game clock should be shut off, play should resume from the point at which the first overtime period ended, and now the rules of sudden death will apply.

Once the game clock is shut off, play should resume just as it does when the game switches from the first quarter to the second quarter. Only now, the first team to score points will win the game. This will give both teams an equal opportunity to win without having games that drag on forever, while incorporating all three of the aspects that truly make football what it is today.

After thinking about overtime, the only conclusion I can come to is that "whoever made the rules were who we thought they were."

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Sports

Men's and women's cross country place third, fourth at conference championships

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The Westminster College men's and women's cross country teams placed third and fourth, respectively, at the 2007 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships held Saturday at Saint Vincent College.

Sophomore Jeremiah Patterson led the Titans with a 16th-place time of 28:28 in the 8-kilometer race to earn second-team all-PAC honors. Senior Will DeLair also garnered second-team all-PAC laurels with his 21st-place time of 28:49.

Junior Andrew Brown and freshman Adam Griffith also cracked the top 50 with times of 29:54 for 42nd and 29:57 for 45th, respectively. Grove City won the six-team men's field with 25 points, led by first-place finisher Adam Smith's time of 26:50.

On the women's side, sophomore earned second-team all-PAC honors for a second straight year Elizabeth Beardsley with a 25th-place time of 25:20 in the 6-kilometer course. Sophomore Amanda Everett also placed 37th at 26:27 and senior Leanna Stitt made the top 50 with a 47th-place time of 27:23.

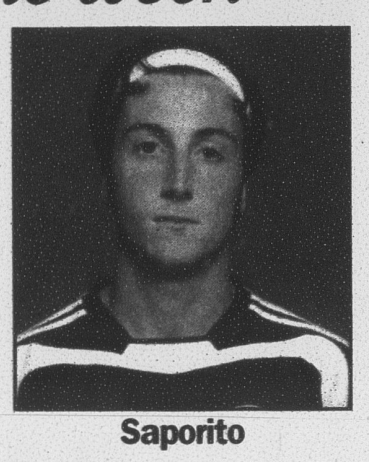
Titan athletic honors
Titan athlete of the week

Men's soccer player Andrew Saporito has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee(SAAC) for the week of Oct. 23-29.

Saporito, a forward from Irwin, Pa., scored his second career hattrick in the Titans' 4-0 win over Thomas More Saturday that clinched the No. 1 seed for Westminster in this week's Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament.

Saporito scored the game's final three goals in the 15th, 57th and 65th minutes, giving him nine on the season.

Saporito is a four- year starter and letterman for the Titan soccer team who was voted Team MVP and second team all PAC last year. He also led the PAC in assists in 2006 with 11 and tied for the league lead with 35 points while ranking second in goals (12) and third in shots (60.)


Saporito

Six inducted into Titan Sports Hall of Fame

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The college will enshrine six new inductees into the Titan Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The inductees will be recognized at halftime of Westminster's 1:30 p.m. home football game vs. Frostburg State. The official enshrinement will take place at a dinner banquet held in the Witherspoon Room of the McKelvey Campus Center at 5:30 p.m.

The inductees are former three sport athlete Ray Cebula ('66), former football player Brian Germanoski ('95), former volleyball player Carrie Gorda ('98), former basketball player Jim Goske ('95), former swimmer Jim O'Donnell ('63) and former football player Craig Villwock ('97). The following are biographies of each of the inductees:

Ray Cebula was the ultimate three-sport athlete earning a total of eight varsity letters. A 1966 graduate of Westminster, Cebula competed in football, baseball and track and field under head coaches Harold Burry, Buzz Ridl and Fran Webster, respectively. During his junior year in 1964-65, all three teams won championships including the football team posting an 8-0 record. As a senior, Cebula won the school's Athlete of the Year award.

A native of Campbell, Ohio, where he attended Youngstown's Ursuline High School, Cebula attended Westminster as an elementary education major. The first known football player to preserve eligibility with a red-shirt season, Cebula played end and outside linebacker for the Titans while earning four varsity letters. He received an honorable mention for the all-district and all-conference teams as a sophomore in 1963 before earning a first-team all-conference selection in 1965.

In track, Cebula earned two letters and finished the 1965 season undefeated in the 220-yard dash. He also ran the 100 and 440. On the baseball diamond, Cebula earned two letters and played centerfield for the Titans. The team's lead-off hitter in 1965, Cebula led Westminster in stolen bases.

In addition to his Titan Sports Hall of Fame induction, Cebula is also a 2007 inductee into the Lawrence County Sports Hall of Fame.

Brian Germanoski was an All-American defensive lineman for the Westminster football team before graduating in 1995 with a degree in biology and environmental science.

A four-year letterman, Germanoski achieved first-team All-America status during his senior season in 1994 after Westminster won the NAIA Division II National Championship. He was also an all-conference selection in the Mid-States Athletic Association.

Germanoski is ranked 24th in school history with 303 career tackles. His best season was in 1993 when he made 122 stops, while during his senior year he made 114 tackles with three pass break-ups, one interception and two fumble recoveries.

Overall, Germanoski played in two national championship games (1993 and 1994), and during his four years the Titans compiled a record of 39-9 under head coach Gene Nicholson.

The Westminster volleyball team advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in 1997 with a 31-8 record and Carrie Gorda was the dominating presence at middle hitter.

Gorda, who played from 1994-97 under head coach Tammy Swearingen, currently holds the school record for career blocks with 869 and ranks fourth in team history with 1,297 kills. She is one of two Westminster players (Janie Cebula) to earn first-team all-conference and first-team all-region honors in consecutive seasons.

Gorda, a 1998 graduate with a degree in communications, also played basketball at Westminster for two years.

There are only two teams in Westminster men's basketball history to win 25 or more games in a season. Jim Goske was the leading scorer on the last Titan team to reach the benchmark in 1993-94.

During Goske's junior season the Titans won their first Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference title - going 14-0 in league play - and advanced to the NAIA Division I Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., before the Titans finished the season with a 25-3 record, surpassed only by the 1961-62 team that went 26-3.

Goske, a 6-foot-4 forward, averaged a team-high 17 points per game that year and led the team with 77 3-pointers. As a senior in 1994-95, Goske averaged 14.6 points per game, second on the team to another prolific scorer, Booker Newberry. Goske finished his career with 1,202 career points, which currently ranks 19th in school history. A second-team all-KECC selection, Goske was called a "fine student; a leader on and off the court; a battler," by head coach Ron Galbreath.

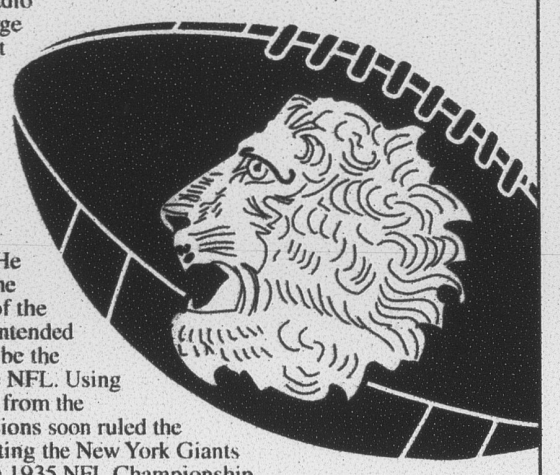
Jim O'Donnell was the most accomplished swimmer for Westminster in the early 1960s under head coaches William McGinnis and Harold Burry. A 1963 graduate with a degree in history, O'Donnell was a four-year letterman who was voted team captain and the Titans' most valuable swimmer for two seasons.

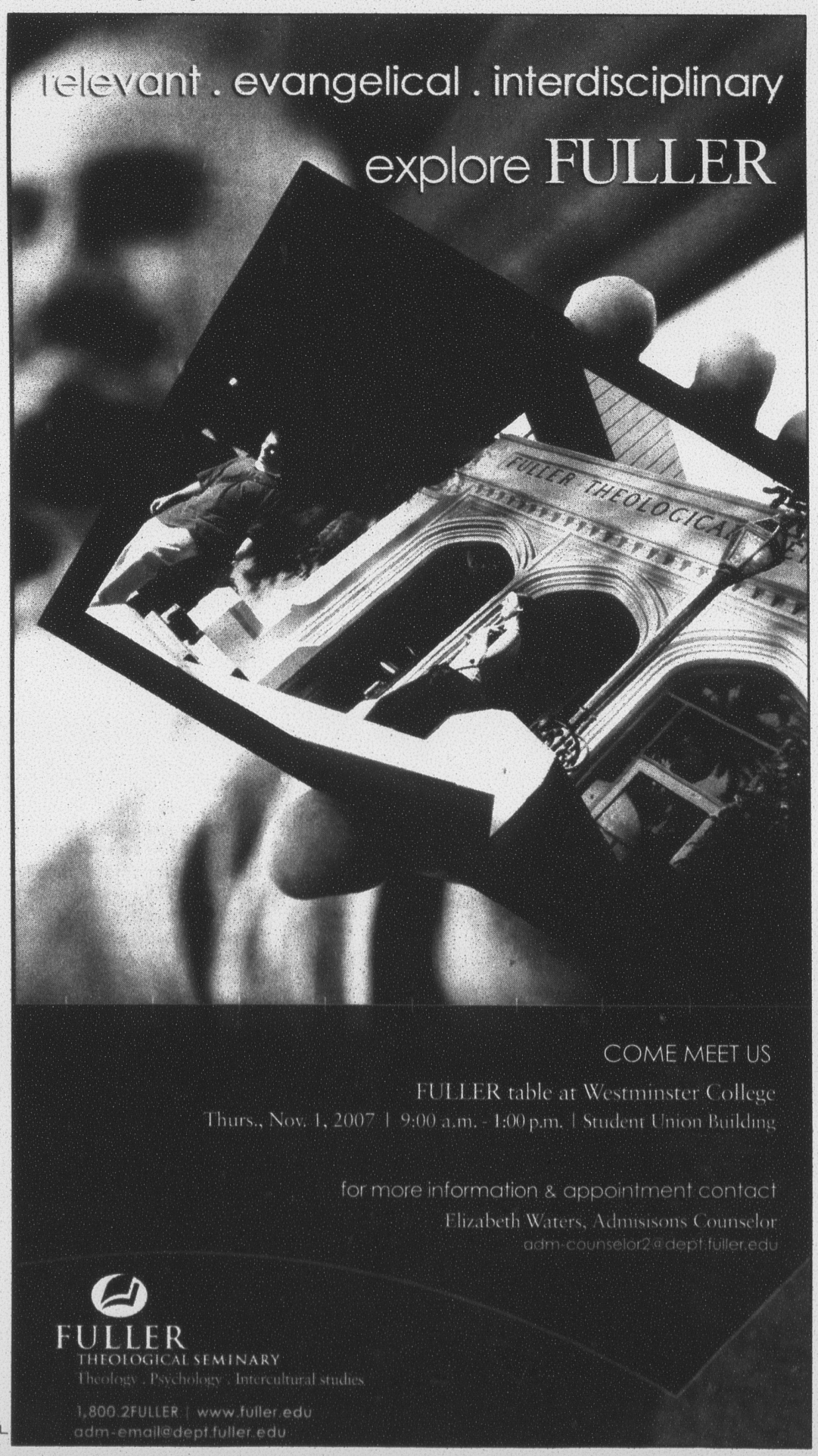
O'Donnell was untouchable in the 440-yard freestyle as he owned the Penn-Ohio Conference title in the event all four years, including a school record time of 5:01.9 as a senior. He was also the Penn-Ohio champion in the 220-yard freestyle for three years.

Random sports fact of the week

Remember the Spartans?

Hardly anyone outside of Portsmouth, Ohio, remembers the Spartans, who from 1930-1934 played in the National Football League. Hard times caused by the Great Depression made it difficult for Portsmouth to compete against franchises in New York and Chicago. In 1934, a group led by radio executive George Richards bought the Spartans and moved them to Detroit. Richards renamed the team the Lions, as a nod to the Detroit Tigers. He also said that the lion was king of the jungle and he intended for his team to be the monarch of the NFL. Using mostly players from the Spartans, the Lions soon ruled the gridiron, defeating the New York Giants 21-6 to win the 1935 NFL Championship.





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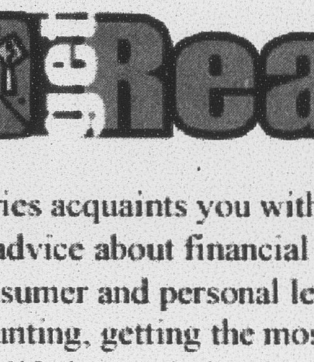
Fall '07 Semester at a Glance!

November 15 - 12:40-1:50 PM
Being a Smart Beginning Investor
Presenter: David Smith
There's a world of investment opportunities beyond checking and savings accounts. If you want to know more about the stock or bond markets, CD's, mutual funds and other investment options, invest your time here!



December 6 - 12:40-1:50 PM
TriBeCa/SoHo: 2 BR/ 2 BA
Presenter: TBA
Want to know the ins and outs of apartment hunting and lease agreements? Stop by and find out.

More information coming soon to your email! Lunch is included. Space is limited.

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Calendar

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Fall Retreat and Board of Trustees Meeting at Nemacolin

HALLOWEEN

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Portraits for 2008 Argo -- LAST OPPORTUNITY (Wiley Alumni House (across from Hillside Hall))

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

2:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Thomas More (PAC Semifinals)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Halloween Trick or Treat in Residence Halls

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

9:00 PM Kappa Delta Recruitment Party (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Fall History Colloquium

Fall Retreat and Board of Trustees Meeting at Nemacolin

Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus in Rehearsals

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Portraits for 2008 Argo -- LAST OPPORTUNITY (Wiley Alumni House (across from Hillside Hall))

12:40 PM Theatre Westminster Production Meetings (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Club)

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

4:30 PM Mass -- Holy Day of Obligation (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (Patterson 231)

5:00 PM S.W.A.T. Fall Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Club Room)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

6:00 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 152)

6:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Study Abroad Presentation (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM WC Planetarium Presents "Voyages of the Mind" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, November 2, 2007

Fall Retreat and Board of Trustees Meeting at Nemacoli

Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus in Rehearsals

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Portraits for 2008 Argo -- LAST OPPORTUNITY (Wiley Alumni House (across from Hillside Hall))

11:35 AM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:00 PM MEN'S SWIMMING v. Allegheny

6:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. W&J/Waynesburg Winner (PAC Semifinals)

6:00 PM WOMEN'S SWIMMING v. Allegheny

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM WC Planetarium Presents "Voyages of the Mind" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: No Reservations (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Transformers (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, November 3, 2007

TBA VOLLEYBALL v. PAC Finals

12:00 PM Honors Chorus Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Thiel*

2:00 PM Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus Concert (Orr Auditorium)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Theatre Festival in Black and White (Five Plays, One Written by Dr. Andy Ade) (Beeghly Theater)

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM WC Planetarium Presents "Voyages of the Mind" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Transformers (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: No Reservations (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, November 4, 2007

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (turn clocks back an hour)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Transformers (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers -- Communion/All Saints (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: No Reservations (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, November 5, 2007

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:15 PM PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

ELECTION DAY

Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party

12:45 PM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:15 PM Panhellenic Council Meeting (111 Ferguson)

5:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Opera Westminster Presents The Gypsy Baron by Johann Strauss (Orr Auditorium)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

All Day Events

Green Party Meeting

Mock Convention

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

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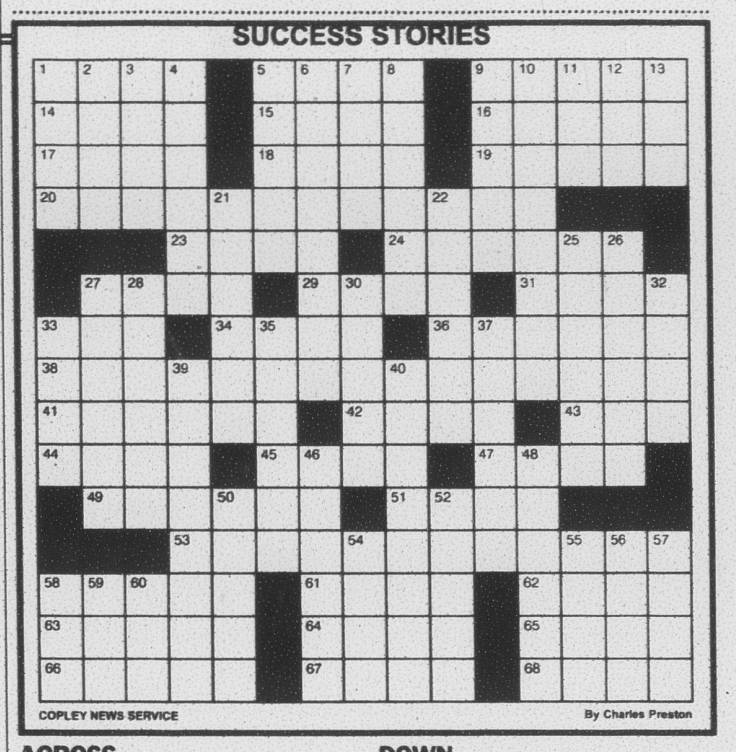

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5 Wild guess
9 Intriguing group?
14 Scandinavian capital
15 Word after roll
16 Sharp angle
17 Headliner
18 Director Preminger
19 Appointed
20 Succeed
23 Start for bat or phobia
24 Lay bare
27 Self-defeating word
29 Bullfight bravos
31 Sol-do bridge
33 Pixie kin
34 Busy as ___
36 Post, perhaps
38 Succeed
41 Imprisoned, British style
42 Venerable scholar
43 Type of shirt
44 List finish, often
45 Utopia
47 Retirement accts.
49 Wall plaster
51 Dunce cap's shape
53 Succeed
58 Airfield
61 ___ Valley, CA
62 Computer operator
63 Softly, in music
64 Luigi's lang.
65 One of a sailing trio
66 Arab country
67 A lot
68 Indicates

DOWN

1 Anjou relative
2 Concerning
3 Noisy closing
4 Seoul man
5 Make pots shine
6 Body designer?
7 Kind of sax
8 Fair-haired lady
9 Church law
10 Mexican vacation spot
11 Down-and-out chap
12 Wolfed down
13 Took the reins
21 Musical range
22 Evaluated
25 North or South state
26 Musical works
27 Athletic footwear
28 Buoyed up
30 Leave alone
32 ___ dixit
33 It's often cutting
35 Adorn
37 Getting on in years: Brit.
39 Shed some light on
40 Villain's underling
46 Easy ___!
48 Boring TV
50 Chicken
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54 Former Yugoslav ruler
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56 Refute
57 Times to remember
58 Mole
59 Make a bow
60 Aries animal

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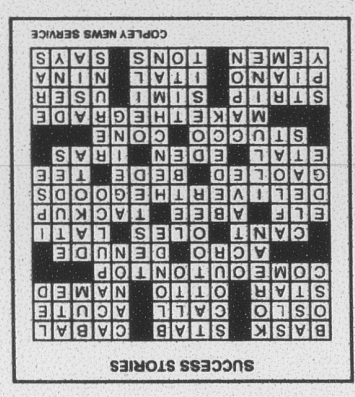

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
You should be able to choose between what others want for you and what you think is best for you. Use meditation or soul-searching to figure it out.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
This is not the best time to surrender control of your finances or to spend beyond your means. Pay cash whenever possible and avoid going further into debt.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
Make a quick, fair decision concerning a partnership agreement. Do your best to think with your head and not with your heart.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Get focused and get a lot accomplished this week. Roll up your sleeves and complete projects at work and around the house.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
Children or younger siblings will make great allies. Do not hesitate to solicit their help on a creative assignment that requires some fresh ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
Plan to interact with family members in order to promote better communication. Get hidden feelings out into the open where they can be discussed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Wondering about a cause or guessing the outcome of a situation could lead to great frustrations. Calm down and do your best to take it all in stride.

SCORPIO(Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
Make a vow to eliminate or avoid frivolous spending. Approach your finances with a conservative attitude and shop around for the best buys.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
You tend to be popular among your peers, friends or associates this week. Curtail the demands on your time and avoid scattering your energy.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Enjoy spending quality time alone or playing a more behind-the-scenes role. Slip away to a favorite hideaway where you can relax, read and meditate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Keep an eye on activities with friends that could become quite costly. Spend with caution and avoid putting a heavy strain on your budget.

PISCES(Feb. 19 - March20):
Listen to the advice of a counselor or mentor and avoid a premature career move. Incorporate patience and discipline and wait until the time is right.

Sudoku!

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McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Friday & Saturday-7:30pm

WC Planetarium Presents
"Voyages of the Mind"
(Hoyt 116)

"No Reservations"

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Transformers "

8:00 PM
10:30 PM
9:00PM

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

10:30 PM
8:00 PM
3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Upcoming Fall Entertainment:
Nov. 9 - Brandon Hewitt-Fyrst Impressions-Valley Below
Nov. 10 - Jen Kober

Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

Thrice's *Alchemy Index* disc II blows *Fire* out of the *Water*

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Thrice's newest release, *The Alchemy Index: Fire & Water*, is a compelling musical album based on two elements, fire and water.

The Orange County-based band, with lead vocalist/guitarist Dustin Kensrue, brothers Ed and Riley Breckenridge on bass and drums, and lead guitarist Teppei Teranishi, who have released four full-lengths previous to *Alchemy*, display some of the best music I have heard in a long time with this astounding two-disc concept release.

The first record, entitled *Fire*, is a huge piece that does not rely on high-pitched screaming and guitar-licks for power, but instead replaces it with depth and solidarity, a decision that allows the reader to slip into the pages of the lyric booklet and follow Thrice through their journey between fire and water.

Photo from absolutepunk.net

The album opens with "Firebreather," a song that starts with ominous keyboards and sirens and then attacks with heavy, Muse-like guitars, an utterly perfect opening to the heavy first disc.

"Firebreather" floods into "The Messenger," another hard-hitting song that showcases synthesizers similar to Radiohead and the first appearance of the deep screaming that has made Kensrue famous.

The truth is that every single song on this disc is solid. They all embody a deep intensity, from the guitars, to the vocals, to the drums. From the shapely "The Arsonist" to the smooth "Burn The Fleet," every song has its own identity.

However, through the concept of fire, the record can be understood as a whole. As a fire that breathes, burns, smokes, and finally dies out in the final track, "The Flame Deluge," leaves Kensrue's vocals barely audible beneath the arena-filling synths and drums, a church-like hymn encased in power.

Water is a record characterized by electronics and soft vocals, elements that a few years ago would be unheard of coming from Thrice. However, as an evolving band, Thrice is not hesitant to let these genre-splitting influences slip onto the record.

Disc I: Fire
1. Firebreather
2. The Messenger
3. Backdraft
4. The Arsonist
5. Burn The Fleet
6. The Flame Deluge

Disc II: Water
1. Digital Sea
2. Open Water
3. Lost Continent
4. Night Diving
5. The Whaler
6. Kings Upon The Main

The first song from *Water* is Thrice's single entitled "Digital Sea," a total change from *Fire*. Pervaded by peace, the song evokes a calmness that is as equally compelling as it is soothing. With Kensrue's vocals seemingly slipping beneath the surface of the water, the music takes a turn from audible to visual, grasping the reader with its imagery, a characteristic that is common throughout the album.

In *Alchemy*, Kensrue has turned into a storyteller, spinning tales of whalers ("The Whaler") and burning cities ("The Arsonist") while using his vast knowledge of philosophy and history in his references to Davy Jones and Descartes.

"Night Diving," is an exceptional instrumental track that shifts from soft to heavy, while "Open Water" shows hints of Explosions in the Sky.

In *The Alchemy Index*, Thrice translates the elements of fire and water into musically perfectly, unlike many other bands who release concept records that fail to communicate to the actual concept of the record.

Through self-production, Thrice has successfully used a hands-on approach to writing and producing music. The guitars are crunchier, the drums are more powerful and the vocals are more focused.

Recommended tracks: "Firebreather," "The Whaler," "Digital Sea"

Chris' Rating: ★★★★★

BOH's *Cease to Begin* start of a strong following

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Photo from spin.com

The Lineup
Vocals/guitar: Ben Bridwell
Drums: Creighton Barrett
Bass: Rob Hampton

Ever heard of Band of Horses? Most you would probably say no, and that is a shame. If any of you did, it is probably because you heard one of their songs during one of the "climax moments" in the *OC* or *Laguna Beach*.

Band of Horses' latest album, *Cease to Begin* is great enough that it should not only be heard on those shows but throughout the whole music world. After being signed onto Sub Pop records, (along with The Shins and The Album Leaf) BOH created the first album, *Everything All the Time* and it was received greatly by many indie rock fans although it was not too commercialized around the nation.

This record was created in 2004 by vocalist and guitarist Ben Bridwell and guitarist Mat Brooke while residing in Seattle. Both of them were previously in a band called Carissa's Weird. In *Everything All the Time*, Brooke did most of the lyrics to the songs. Before the band could create another album, Brooke left the group to pursue interests in his own band, therefore leaving Ben Bridwell to write most of the songs.

To the rest of the band's surprise, they found that Ben was extremely talented not only as a vocalist but as a writer. At this point, the main three members are Ben Bridwell who is lead vocalist and guitarist, Rob Hampton on bass, and Creighton Barrett on drums Despite the band's mishaps, Iron & Wine got Band of Horses to open for them on their latest tour.

The first single off the record is called "Is There a Ghost" in which Ben's vocals shine, and it is evident that he has a knack for melody. His vocals almost have a Sting-like feel to them, hitting every high note effortlessly.

The lyrics to the song are very simple, but it definitely works for the group. In general, the lyrics in every track are so vague that they can be related to anyone or anything. Many of these songs are bound to be used by numerous television shows including the song "Detlef Schrempf" which is the group's version of a ballad.

It is one of the prettiest songs that I have ever heard. The soaring vocals mixed with the lyrics saying, "I can't look at you any other way" could turn this into a great hit. As I listened to their music, I found it to be extremely relaxing and chill.

Most of the songs have a very light feel with catchy melodies similar to Coldplay's. Like I said, Bridwell's voice is very similar to Sting's but also has a touch of Coldplay's front man Chris Martin.

If you are looking for a lot of diverse music, this is the record to buy. None of the songs sound the same, and BOH even mixes it up by bringing in some blues. In the track called "The General Specific", they incorporate a lead piano playing a typical 12-bar blues song.

In "Window Blues", Band of Horses do a song that sounds like it could be a tribute to Radiohead. The echoes of the guitar and the soft drum beat work perfectly for this song.

Overall, it looks like Band of Horses is on the right track and will continue to create music that is touching, and heart-felt. Hopefully with being teamed-up alongside Iron & Wine on their tour, it will just catapult Band of Horses into the next phase of the rock world.

Sounds like: The Shins, Radiohead, Coldplay

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Chase This Light has bright future

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

October has been a massive month of releases. In the midst of what seems like musical chaos, Jimmy Eat World has quietly released *Chase This Light*, one of the best records to date.

For those who downloaded Jimmy's first single, "Big Casino," via iTunes prior to *Chase*'s release, you may already have a good idea of what the new album sounds like. Much less a departure from their formulaic rock-meets-pop, but more refined, *Chase* exhibits some of rock's catchiest and most well-written tunes.

From the finger-lickin' good "Here It Goes" to the clean "Always Be," Jimmy seems to have brushed up on the squeaky-clean catchiness of pop music in their time between their rock-riddled previous release *Futures to Chase*.

However, just because Jimmy may have lent themselves to what some may call "the brighter side of music" doesn't mean they still can't bring the rock.

Tracklisting
1. Big Casino
2. Let It Happen
3. Always Be
4. Carry You
5. Electable (Give It Up)
6. Gotta Be Somebody's Blues
7. Feeling Lucky
8. Here It Goes
9. Chase This Light
10. Firefight
11. Dizzy

Although scorchers like Bleed American's "Bleed American" and Future's "Nothingwrong" may be missing from Chase, Jimmy hasn't forgotten to hit the distortion pedal, especially with songs like the 90's punk-inspired track "Electable (Give It Up)" and the Future's b-side "Firefight." However, Jimmy can still call themselves a band that has the swagger to play rock, their real talent shows with their ability to write ballads.

With songs like the like the acoustic-heavy, Clarity-throwback "Carry You," to the piano-laden final track "Dizzy," Jimmy has solidified their standing in the modern music scene as the masters of pop-inspired rock. However, I wouldn't call *Chase This Light* a pop-rock record. Jimmy's mature songwriting should not be confused (nor compared) with today's sugar coated, lollipop-sucking scene bands that have watched one to many episodes of TRL.

Instead, Jimmy shies away from overproduction and power chords and instead focuses on writing spectacular background vocals ("Carry You," "Feeling Lucky"), and finding the perfect guitar tonality, an element that is obvious on every track.

Although *Chase* may sound different than *Clarity*, which was released in 1999, Jimmy Eat World is a band that doesn't reinvent itself with every record, while each release can be classified as "different" from the previous one.

Through gradual progression and making small changes to each record, Jimmy sticks to their formula of writing straight-forward rock songs that don't try to grab the audience with technical guitars and drum playing, but instead capture them with hooks.

Calling Jimmy Eat World "one of the best rock artists of the new millennium" is justified. It seems nowadays that almost every band out there that isn't screaming or playing a mandolin cites Jimmy Eat World as an influence, high praise for a band that has only been around since the late 90's.

Even if Jimmy has brought clarity to the scene, they have also undeniably brought the fusion of rock and pop to both MTV and Alternative Press. And although some may argue that *Chase This Light* may not be Jimmy's best release of all time, I say it's close.

Photo from absolutepunk.net

Recommended tracks: "Always Be," "Carry," "Here it goes," "Dizzy"

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

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Dashboard Confessional returns to roots on *The Shade of Poison Trees*

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

The past two Dashboard Confessional records were a change for the band. The members ditched the acoustic formula for a full band sound including distorted electric guitars.

Carrabba must not have been happy with the new direction the band was taking. *The Shade of Poison Trees*, released October 2, is much like the early acoustic albums by Carrabba, but with some added structure to the songwriting. To me, this album is the perfect balance of old Dashboard mixed with the different sound and feel of its recent work.

While this band is considered one of the pioneers of the emo scene, this album does not seem to fit that classification. Most songs have a happy tone to them.

Carrabba wrote every song on the album as he did on the previous albums. Much of the instrumentation is reminiscent of previous songwriting, but the lyrics are different, without much mention of love and relationships on the album.

The title of the record hints that the songs have one common theme. Whether intentional or not, *The Shade of Poison Trees* recalls "A Poison Tree" by William Blake, metaphorically comparing anger to a poison tree that grows when a person bottles it up rather than trying to solve the conflict.

Most songs involve Carrabba speaking against certain things people do with which he finds fault. By revealing these feelings through the songs, he prevents his anger from growing into a "poison tree."

"Where There's Gold," like most songs on the record, is a type of ballad, telling of an actress's life and her fatal flaw, getting caught up in fame. "Where there's gold, there's a gold digger" is repeated, saying that the actress took advantage of her wealth and fame.

Similarly, "Blood and Connection" is about a man pretending to be someone he is not; "Why do you speak with that accent now? Everyone knows you're not from the streets."

The person grew up in wealth and did not have to work to be successful, but then acts as if he endured hardship to get ahead. This is evident from the line "I know everyone does their own reinvention, but yours has a taste that's hard to swallow."

"Keep Watch for the Mines" is about a person who acts like a friend to someone's face but talks about him behind his back. The message of the song is that people like that what goes around comes around.

The final track, "Widow's Peak," sounds a lot like older Dashboard songs, but its verses are centered on a simple piano melody. The vocals are soft and quiet throughout the verses, but the chorus is driven by a more powerful guitar and drum-based sound with louder, higher and more emotional vocals.

My favorite thing about the album is the short length of the tracks. There is only one song that is over three minutes long. I like that the songs are concise, because they get the point across without being repetitive or redundant.

The band seems to be trying to distance itself from its previous work. The members have grown as musicians and have taken what they have done in the past and mixed it, adding some other elements along the way.

While there are no instant hits like "Screaming Infedilities," many of the songs on this album will eventually become classics among fans.

The Lineup
Chris Carrabba - Vocals, Guitar
John Lefler - Guitar
Scott Schoenbeck - Bass
Mike Marsh - Drums

Photo from mog.com

Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

Saw IV stays the course of previous films; wait to rent next October

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

So I saw *Saw IV*, and I have to say I feel like what I saw was simply the same as the saws I saw before but with new ingredients.

Alright, cheesy "saw" jokes aside, the new installment in the gruesome *Saw* series seemed like all the other movies but with new "Rube Goldberg" killing machines and a quickly executed plot to showcase all the gore. Just to warn you, this review may contain spoilers.

In this version the police are again confronted by the murderous mastermind "Jigsaw" (Tobin Bell), although he is now dead along with his protégé, Amanda (Shawnee Smith). SWAT sergeant Rigg (Lyriq Bent) is troubled over losing so many of his fellow officers to Jigsaw's killing machines.

He uses his vacation time to try and find Det. Eric Matthews (Donnie Wahlberg) who has been missing for six months (he was captured at the end of the second film). Rigg is attacked in his home and wakes up to find a woman trapped in one of Jigsaw's devices inside his living room.

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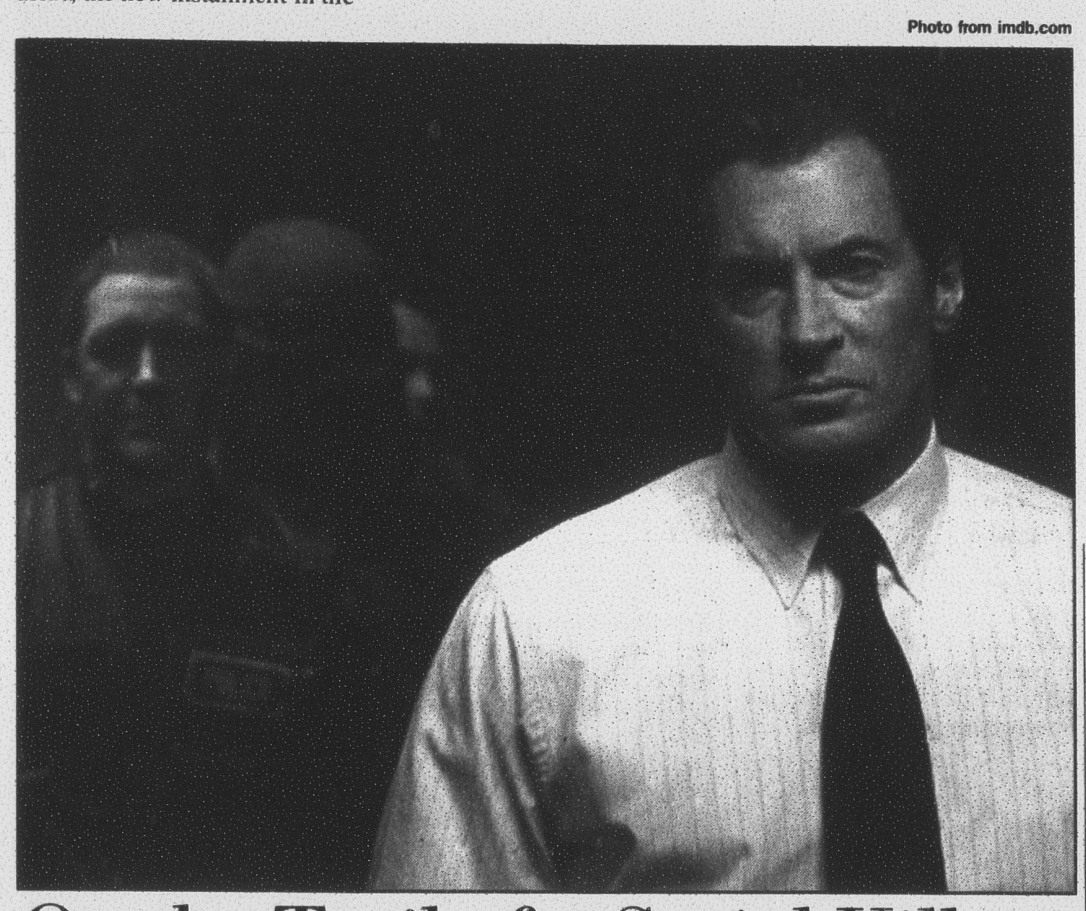

After freeing the woman, Rigg is encouraged by Jigsaw's clues to "See the way I see" and discover why he maims and kills his victims. Encouraged by the chance of saving his friend, Rigg follows his clues.

Meanwhile, Rigg's partner Det. Hoffman (Costas Mandylor) is kidnapped by Jigsaw shortly after meeting two FBI agents who are assigned to the case. Agents Strahm and Perez start to follow the trail left by sergeant Rigg in his pursuit to find Matthews, who is now joined by Hoffman in the trap.

I could leave you to guess what happens here, but if you've already seen *Saw I* then you know what happens. Someone who is trapped in the room with Matthews is really the architect of the trap. Much like the first film where Jigsaw/John was lying in the room with his two victims the whole time, the killer was in the damn room the whole time!

That someone is Hoffman, who is supposed to be the new Jigsaw, but it is revealed at the end that he is just another pawn in the game.

The Saw films haven't exactly been known for their character development and writing, and this installment had the worst of these things. You just plunge into Rigg and Hoffman's story with no explanation.

It also seemed like the writing was rushed as well with one thing quickly transitioning to another – so much so that I was left scratching my head at the end of the movie. The characters seemed to be puking out lines much like the writers must have puked out the script.

It seems to me that the whole allure of the Saw films in general was the suspense generated by seeing people killed by ingenious traps. While this is not my idea of what makes a good horror film, the audiences surely seem to like it as is indicated by the box office success of all of these films so far.

Saw V and *Saw VI* have already been greenlighted by the production company, so it looks like the writers will have to continue to think of crappy dialogue and complex ways to kill people.

I'd say save yourself some money and wait to rent this one if you really want to see it.

Erik's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

TV recaps

The Office's "*Money*" problems

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Oh my, how *The Office* is heating up.

In the last two weeks since the last *Office* update, romance has flooded the workspace of Dunder-Mifflin. In episode number four (also the last of the hour-long episodes), entitled "Money," Jim and Pam's romance continues to bud as the new couple spends their first night away at Dwight's "agro-tourism" house, which is not to be confused with a bed-and-breakfast, as Jim so foolishly mistakes.

However, despite Dwight's second business, the split between him and Angela has left him in shambles. This is evident as Jim hears a soft moaning during his stay, only to find that it is Dwight crying in his room.

Thing are looking up for Andy, though. Again, he has a crush. This time, it's on Angela, who he describes to Pam as having "a hot body." Needless to say, this doesn't help Dwight's situation.

Kelly has also found a new crush in the form of Darrell, who works in the warehouse. But to no one's surprise, she hasn't changed since her split from Ryan, who appears in the office to hear Michael's presentation on PowerPoint.

However, Michael didn't prepare the presentation, and in perfect Michael Scott fashion, he feebly attempts to make one up as he goes, but accidentally spills to Ryan that he was unable to prepare a presentation because he is working a second job at a telemarketing agency that sells weight-loss pills.

Why is Michael working a second job? Well, according to Oscar who offers Michael financial advice, one reason is because he's been spending too much money on magic sets and professional bass fishing equipment.

The second reason may be because Jan is still living with him and spending his money on things such as a new Porsche, which causes Michael to get rid of his other two cars and forces him to take the bus to his second job. The ending is rather humorous, so in the spirit of Halloween, I'll let the reader find out for himself how it ends.

In episode number five, entitled "Local Ad," corporate decides to run a Dunder-Mifflin-Scranton ad on the local televisions stations. Michael, however, misconstrues the situation and thinks he has free reign to make the ad himself, but when a professional advertising agency shows up at the door to break the news, Michael tells them to leave and come back in "never-hundred hours," and decides to make the ad himself.

After completing the ad, he sends it in to corporate and allows them to choose between his ad and the professional agency's ad.

Things are starting to look up for Dwight and Andy, though. Well, mainly Dwight. Andy and Angela's romance has escalated to "necking," and Angela seems to be enjoying it, as Andy recalls to Dwight that she continuously whispers, "Ohh, D," to him while they are necking.

Of course, Andy in his naivety thinks "D" means "An-Dee," but Dwight knows in his heart that what she is whispering is actually his old nickname from her. With these new facts, the sparkle returns to Dwight's eye as hope reenters his heart and he begins to plan how he will win her back.

Tune into NBC tomorrow at 9 p.m. for the next installment of *The Office*, entitled "Branch Wars."

On the Trail of a Serial Killer: A Walking Tour of London

By Amanda Miller
A&E Writer

London, 1888. Between the months of August and November, five brutal murders took place in the East End of this large city. The murderer is the first historically recorded serial killer, known only as Jack the Ripper.

Catching the Tube to Tower Hill station and emerging to an eerie sunset just beyond the Tower of London set the scene for my night time walking tour of Jack the Ripper's trail.

For a few pounds, one can experience this frightening step back into time as a friendly tour guide takes you to the exact spots of the murders and informs you not only of the many gruesome details, but also of some of the theories about the true identity of this infamous killer.

Little is know about Jack the Ripper, and authorities still are not certain that the five women murdered in this three month time span were even all his victims.

However, the women are related in that their deaths all consisted of deep gashes to the throat and heavy disembowelment, helpfully and gruesomely described to the group by our guide.

Many have suggested Jack was some sort of surgeon or barber, considering the accuracy of his cuts and severing of organs, as well as because of his quick work. On the night of Sept. 30, the killer was working quickly enough to kill two women within an hour and make off with several of their organs.

This tour was a fascinating look into the path of one of history's most notorious murderers and proved all the more scary due to our standing on the same cobblestones where the bodies were found.

London offers this walking tour as well as many others, such as "The Real World of Harry Potter", "Haunted London", and "Shakespeare's London". The walks are decently priced, easy to find, and take place every night of the week.

London has much to offer in terms of shopping, shows, and museums, but this walking tour proved to be just as fun an enterprise for a Saturday night. Dark alleyways and goose bumps await anyone daring enough to take this evening tour!

Grey's Anatomy Recap

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

The episode of *Grey's Anatomy* two weeks ago picked up with George telling Callie that he slept with Izzie. Callie tells George that she forgives him.

Her reaction surprises George because he was certain Callie would end it with him and he could move on and start dating Izzie. The next day at the hospital we see George running around trying to find Izzie to tell her what happened with Callie.

However, Callie finds Izzie first and tells her to meet her in the cafeteria at noon. Izzie thinks that Callie wants to beat her up so she spends the rest of the day convincing herself that she can take on Callie. Rumors spread through the hospital that there is going to be a showdown between the two.

Christina continues to treat her interns like dirt, especially Meredith's half sister Lexi. Derek gives Christina a taste of her own medicine and makes her do work that her interns should be doing.

At the same time Derek starts getting kind of affectionate toward Lexi, which irritates Meredith. Meredith trades her Saturday shift for Alex's 60-year-old intern, Norman, so that she can go on a weekend trip with Derek.

Meredith and Norman tell a woman who is in the hospital to get a mole removed that she is going to die because Norman read the charts.

The chief's niece was rushed to the hospital because she couldn't breathe correctly. We then find out that the 18-year-old's ovarian cancer has returned for the third time.

She doesn't want to fight it again and tells the chief, her uncle, that she just wants to live the last parts of her life happily. The chief tries to convince his niece to fight but stands by her decision.

His wife Adele says that what he did was selfish and tells him that she doesn't want to get back together with him.

At the end of the episode, Callie finds Izzie in the cafeteria and his humiliated when she discovers that everyone was expecting a fight when she just wanted to talk to Izzie. Callie then reveals her true feelings to George and tells him that she was extremely hurt and that their marriage is over.

Derek calls off the weekend getaway with Meredith, and tells Meredith that he doesn't want to spend just a weekend with her but his whole life. He tells her that she is still an intern in her personal life and needs to grow up and that he will be waiting for her and the day she does so.

Last week's was the Halloween episode. The doctors at the Seattle Grace hospital are excited because the annual chainsaw pumpkin carving contest is being held.

A man comes to the clinic demanding to have his foot cut off because he claims it isn't his and he doesn't want it anymore. His foot is constantly moving and he can't control what it does.

When a kid comes in with a sawed off finger from the pumpkin carving contest, the crazy foot guy steals his chainsaw and gruesomely saws off his own foot. *Saw* movie meets *Grey's Anatomy*.

Izzie and George publicize their relationship and Christina gets mad that they never told her. Christina's bad day continues when a new character is introduced to the show. Experienced and well known heart surgeon Dr. Hahn doesn't like Christina and says that the only reason she has made it so far at the hospital is because she is sleeping with Dr. Burke. And to make things worse, the chief puts Christina to work under Dr. Hahn.

Callie and Christina compare their shattered relationships and eventually laugh over them. They start getting a lot closer and form a friendship. This could mean that Christina will become more distant from her circle of friends with George, Izzie, Meredith, and Alex.

Meredith spends the day recruiting several surgeons and nurses to do a pro-bono surgery for a young kid who has a problem with his ears. She is successful by taking the kid "trick-or-treating for ears" and puts a guilt trip on the other doctors.

Meredith is also having problems dealing with her mother's death that happened years ago. So she took her mom's ashes to the hospital because they were haunting her at her home. With advice from the "ear kid" and Lexi, Meredith puts her conscience and her mom to rest by washing the ashes down a sink at the hospital scrub in-room – the place she thought her mom would feel the happiest.

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Features

"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

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Features Editor

Do you remember that girl in junior high, the popular one who made your life miserable? It seemed like it was her personal life mission to make you feel an inch tall. I am pretty sure there is one in every school.

Or how about that first person who broke your heart – do you remember his or her name? You swore that he or she was the one for you, and things didn't work out, you were shattered. That day, you promised yourself that you would never love again.

Most people who have made it through high school have dealt with at least one of these two situations. However, it's how you carry the memory of these things that matters.

A person can handle unfavorable memories in several ways. Unfortunately, it seems to me that most people handle them by holding a grudge.

In many ways, holding a grudge is taking the easy way out. It is easy because you do not have to confront the people causing the problem. You do not have to make an effort to realize that they are humans with faults and feelings, that they act the way they do for a reason, even if you could care less what it is. In fact, you probably could care less if sugar accidentally found its way into their gas tank.

But holding a grudge can backfire sometimes. Even if you do not deal with the person as just that, a person, and instead just as a faceless monster, you will still have to deal with certain thoughts and feelings. This is another reason why it is the hard way. We are now completely out of high school. Can you name that girl from junior high? Do you still feel the anger seeping in when you think of everything she put you through?

How about that first love? Does your heart still sink a little when you think about how he or she stomped all over it? If these emotions are happening, then you are still holding the past in the back of your mind.

These two situations are just simplistic examples of hundreds of things people can be bitter, angry or upset about. I know I could certainly hold a grudge about several things that have happened in the past years. However, most people are surprised that I do not hold one, and instead have learned to use them to positively influence my life.

How do I deal with hurtful memories? To put it simply, I give them a good dose of love. Showing anger to a person who has mistreated you will only create a cycle, but showing love in return will leave you stronger and eat them away more than rage ever could.

A few years ago, I heard an artist in concert by the name of Warren Barfield. He, too, was explaining this idea and portrayed the concept with great insight. During his song, "Pictures of the Past", he sang:

"I think it's time /That I forgive you /Oh, I've kept this inside /Long enough /Remember the 5th grade /And all the jokes you made /At my expense /Oh I've wanted to trip you in the hall /And watch your books fall ever since /And I can't remember your last name /But your first was Steven /If you ever hear this song /Do you think we could call it even? /Cause love doesn't keep a record of wrongs /It lets go, it moves on /Oh cause time goes by too fast /To keep painting pictures of the past /And I've carefully compiled /A list of names and faces /And I can point out the scars that each one gave me, yeah And I've plotted my revenge fueled by these mental images /But today I'm throwing all my pictures away"

Are you willing to forgive the past and give up on all that revenge? I would guess probably not. However, until you do, you are just living in the past, painting pictures. Why should I care about the girl that tried to bully me through junior high or the guy that first broke my heart? Why should you? If you let go, and do one of the greatest things – love – you will be a better person for it. If you do the one thing that no one expects, forgive and love the person who hurt you, it will indeed change you for the better.

Instead of looking at an experience and letting it haunt you, it will serve as an experience to learn from.

If you hold a grudge, you are hurting yourself, not the person who hurt you in the first place. So, do yourself a favor this week and love someone that you should not.

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My name is Ahchoo

Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

Winston Churchill once said, "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

I think that change is good, and that constant reassessment of practically everything is important in improving our environment.

Look at cigarettes for an example. Here's a product that was widely used in the past, but is slowly being eliminated from many societies. The risks outweigh the benefits, and society is trimming the fat. The Republic of Ireland has gone so far as to ban the sale of candy cigarettes, which they consider to be propaganda pushing for underage smoking.

Now, I'm not trying to start a debate about cigarettes. I'm making an example of how society has targeted a lackluster practice and proceeded to eliminate it.

I've decided that we should stop blessing people. You know what I'm talking about. Whenever somebody sneezes, somebody else typically responds with a "bless you" or a "God bless you".

I previously heard many more "God bless you"'s than I do now. I'm not sure if it's a sign of changing times or if it's the fact that I went to a Catholic school for nine years. I've always wondered how a person's religious or spiritual convictions dictate which phrase they use.

There are also variations. Some people smash it all together and say "Gawbleshoo" or "bleshoo." Some people use the German gesundheit, which means good health. In my Spanish classes, I've heard "Jesus" and "salud", which means health.

Whichever poison you pick, let's look at the history of this tidbit of society.

One theory states that Pope Greogory I ordered unending prayer when an outbreak of the bubonic plague was reaching Rome around 590 CE. Sneezing was thought to be an early symptom of the plague, and the prayer "God bless you" was expected/hoped to stop the disease.

Another explanation is that it was believed that the heart stopped during a sneeze, and "bless you" helped it to beat again.

Here are some variations on a theme. Sneezing will cause your soul to be thrown from your body, sneezing opened up your body to devil possession, or sneezing was your body trying to force out something evil. That made "(God) bless you" to be a shield from evil.

Here's my point. I attend Westminster College to learn. With the onset of Westminster plague season, it's only a matter of time before I'm engrossed in a lecture, somebody sneezes, and a chorus of "bless you's" erupts. Now, is it really doing anything? I doubt it, except maybe making me miss an important point in class. I suggest that we drop the whole lot of "bless you's" and their variations. It's an unnecessary part of our culture, and it should be excised like a tumor.

You might be thinking that this article is a joke compared to my previous ones, but you might have forgotten the bigger picture. It's about constant reassessment. If we didn't vie for change, we'd still be cavemen.

On a more current note, if we don't reassess the way things are, we might never have a female, an African-American, or any minority associated President of the United States, even if they are more qualified than their white male counterparts. If we can't have the courage to try something new, then may God bless our souls.

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Fang-tastic Dracula cookies

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

There are days when I think of my cooking skills as the equivalent of food poisoning. I sit and wonder–am I the only oven-challenged person in the world? My question was unexpectedly answered the other day while I was unwrapping a frozen pizza. If the duty of cooking is ever left to me (and it usually isn't for obvious reasons) I make frozen things. You know, the sort of food that has simple directions on the box, like "preheat oven to 350 degrees, then bake for twenty minutes."

It is important to point out that there is a type of knowledge that many of us take for granted, a knowledge that precedes our natural ability (or inability). I'm talking about common sense. I know that the cookie mix has to come out of the bag before I mix in the eggs. I might be a horrible cook, but that's just common sense.

Now I'll go back to that frozen pizza. On the outside of the box, in large, clear letters, it states "Step one: Remove pizza from box." I might be a bad cook, but I want to know who actually thinks it might be a good idea to stick the entire pizza box in the oven.

When people say that "this pizza tastes like cardboard," I've always assumed it was just a joke. But I suppose if the manufacturers need to tell us to remove the pizza from the box, I'd better start checking the bottom of my pizza for burnt package remains.

My cooking ineptitude always inspires me to go out on Halloween and stock up. I take advantage of the only day of the year in which it is socially acceptable to beg for food at other people's doorsteps. Of course, I always take my little brother along, which is always a good cover for a college student dressed up like a cartoon character.

Now it is the post-Halloween week when many people separate their candy into two piles; one with the candy they prefer, which they will eat within the next couple of days, and one which will sit around until Easter, when they can stick it into a basket and give it to their friends.

Good thing I've found the perfect munchies for when the Halloween candy runs out.

Dracula cookies:

Difficulty Level: A little easier than staking a real vampire

Ingredients:

1 package of truffles or Ferrero Rocher chocolates

1 pack sandwich cookies

1 can vanilla icing

Food coloring

Different colored fruit roll-ups

Sliced almonds, cut in half

Cover the chocolate truffles with vanilla icing to give your Dracula a pale, bloodless face. Stick this chocolate (his "head") onto the sandwich cookie with a small dollop of icing. Cut the fruit roll-up into small squares and stick them to the back of the icing-covered heads. What is Dracula without his cape? Refrigerate these for a short while to make the icing a little stiff. Tint some icing with food coloring, then draw on eyes, and mouths (use plastic sandwich baggies with a cut at the tip to squeeze the icing out of). Stick a sliced piece of almond in the corners of each mouth for fangs. Give your bald Dracula some spiky hair.

The recipe makes 12 cookies, or enough for one person with post-Halloween munchies

Cost: about $6.50

Helpful Tip: The Dracula Cookies should be eaten immediately. Not only because the cookies will taste icky if they become stale, but this will prevent them from biting any other cookies you may have in the dorm. Cookies are only good when they lack a taste for blood. Only you can prevent cookie cannibalism.

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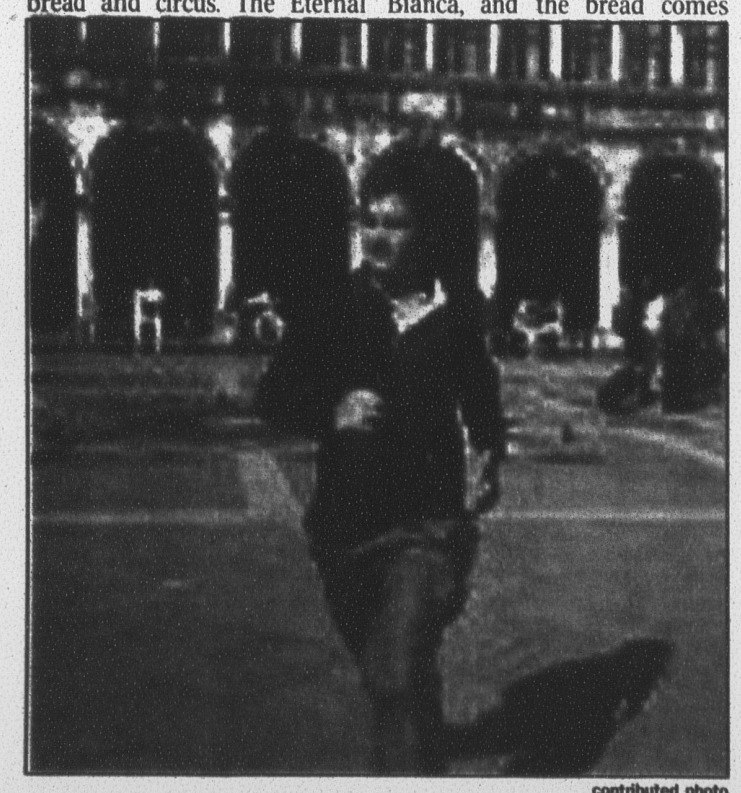
Students without borders: Thrilling Venice

By Andrew Kubincanek
Features Writer

I seem to remember an ancient proverb. To keep the masses docile, provide them with bread and circus. The Eternal City today does more or less that.



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Andrew Kubincanek runs on the streets of Venice.

Although the circus maximus is nothing more than a field, though an exceptionally well and beautifully lit one on Notte Bianca, and the bread comes sold from vendor trailers stuffed with mozzarella and sauce or hot dogs; the premise remains the same.

The primary difference between Trastevere and Rome, separated only by the Tiber River, are the tourists. In Trastevere and to the South you will find quaint authentic fare: shops with handmade trinkets and pastry shops where little old ladies make you heavenly cannoli and quite possibly the best pizza in the world.

In downtown Rome, however, there are tourist traps, shoddy souvenir stands with Julius Caesar paperweights, men in Roman gladiator costumes posing for pictures and tackily painted carts serving beer, coke, hot dogs and an assortment of moderately flavorless sandwiches. Granted, the pizza is not terrible, but when you can get something hotter and tastier for two Euros less than five minutes away, it is only viable if you are starving.

I made the mistake of seeing the Pantheon before the Coliseum and the Roman forums. Your first impression is, of course, awe at the grandiosity of this structure. That, unfortunately, recedes into an overwhelming disappointment at just how horrendously beaten and raped the coliseum and most of the forum is. I guess that is why they call them ruins. The problem is that when you see the Pantheon – which is almost 100 percent preserved – and then compare it to the coliseum, you cannot help but mutter with a smirk that Three Rivers Stadium was nicer.

There are quite a few standouts in the ancient city, however. The Pantheon is almost completely preserved and standing inside of a 2000-year-old, self-supporting and wholly intact structure, gazing up to where Roman emperors paid tribute to the gods is something I will not soon forget.

Equally impressive is Piazza Venezia, the direct center of Rome. The white, medieval castle provides a phenomenal view in every direction, blocked only by the myriad statues that adorn it.

Similarly, the Spanish Steps afford a breathtaking view of San Pietro's golden dome rising above an otherwise short city. I also cannot fail to mention the majesty of god ocean, presiding over the Trevi Fountain, carved into the side of a ministry building, and its infamous myth; throw in one coin, you will return to Rome, throw in two you will marry an Italian and throw in three and you will get a divorce.

Ironically, one of the most accommodating places I have found in downtown Rome was Scholar's Lounge. I never thought I would simultaneously watch Hines Ward score a TD for the Steelers and Kaka score a goal for AC Milan in a crowded Irish pub. Even more ironically, some of the nicest people I have met in downtown Rome were in this pub, including several people from Pittsburgh and one Australian coal miner who insisted on regaling me with his tales from the red light district in Amsterdam. A native Roman himself confirmed to me that finding ex-pats nicer than the locals is a common occurrence. He put it far more succinctly but Lu would not let me publish it verbatim.

Still, eternal is an appropriate enough word to describe Rome. The ancient ghosts are crowded out by elderly British men in fake Italia hats, Chinese backpackers and clustered tour groups, but the sites are worth seeing and there are still a few nooks and crannies with flavor. Campo de'fiori is one of the most dichotomous areas of the Eternal City and actually quite indicative of my overall point.

During the day, the field of flowers holds a produce and food market, attended by local farmers, but at night, the market clears out to open up for such infamous pubs as The Drunken Ship and Sloppy Sams to cater to rowdy tourists and students. It is a city that tries desperately to lose its soul, only to find that the majesty of the past will not let it completely disappear.

All in all I would say it is a nicer place to visit than live and leave it at that. The Scot at the table next to me summed it up pretty well in Scholar's. The waitress had just brought my order of lamb stew when he clucked approvingly. "Ah, now that's bloody fantastic. Only problem is, it'll make you want another one. I wish I liked Rome quite that much."

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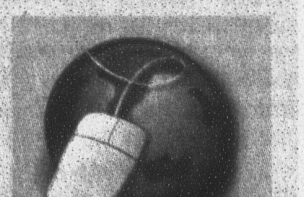

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Students present play by Shakespeare

By Ben Knauff
Campus Writer

In the depths of the fall semester, when the word "break" seems like just a mystical place in the realm of Faerie, perhaps a journey into fantasy itself is the perfect respite from the doldrums of class.

This weekend, Theatre Westminster provides the opportunity with a fresh take on William Shakespeare's classic comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream. According to Assistant Professor of Theater and director Dr. Scott Mackenzie, the play is a much shorter and more modern version.

Traditionally, the play centers on a group of people in Athens. Oberon and Titania (the King and Queen Fairies) are feuding. Oberon thinks Titania had an affair with Theseus, the Duke of Athens, while Titania thinks Oberon had an affair with Hippolyta, the Queen of the Amazons and wife of Theseus.

Simultaneously, a bizarre love quadrangle envelops four Athenians, and a group of hopeless actors known as the Mechanicals blunder their way through a forest.

"We've decided that the concept is Theseus has brought a circus to town, where Oberon is the ringmaster and Titania is an acrobat," Mackenzie said.

Junior Marisa Monahan, who plays Titania, likes the changes.

"Once I saw [Mackenzie's] ideas come into play and appear on stage, I got more and more intrigued. It's more fun and upbeat," she said. "It works well with what he's trying to do."

While Mackenzie and Technical Advisor Michael Slane have brought years of experience to the production, Monahan revealed the play will display marked input from many students.

Senior Barry Unis, the assistant director, spent many hours of his own time working with the Mechanicals.

"Usually assistant directors just give thoughts and advice here and there, whereas Barry really took on the role of director and did an amazing job," Monahan said.

See **Theatre Westminster**, *B-4*

Photo by Sky

This weekend Theatre Westminster will present a fresh take on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The program will commence on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who are the geekiest ones of all?

Fifth annual Geek Week to commence Nov. 12

By Brittany Betsch
Campus Writer

It is a battle between majors. In this game the geekiest is victorious.

Beginning on November 12, teams of chemistry, biology, physics, math and molecular biology majors will come together for the fifth annual Geek Week.

"My favorite event is the math one," junior Leigh Ann Jordan said. "We just ran around like crazy, it was intense. But, in my fondest memory, there was this pond of water in the basement, we were running and we were all on our backs."

Each department will come up with games or some kind of challenging test for each of the teams to solve. Each night of the week the theme of the event changes; for example, the first night is chemistry, the second is physics, the third is biology, the fourth is math and the last night is psychology. The event is only held at night, beginning at 7 p.m. and lasting for no more than an hour.

According to Jordan, Geek Week got its start because science majors spend most of their time in Hoyt. While waiting for classes to begin they all sit in the lobby and dispute who is the better major, who is smarter and who could do their own major and everyone else's major too. Finally, they decided to take their quarrelling and put it to the test, and so began Geek Week.

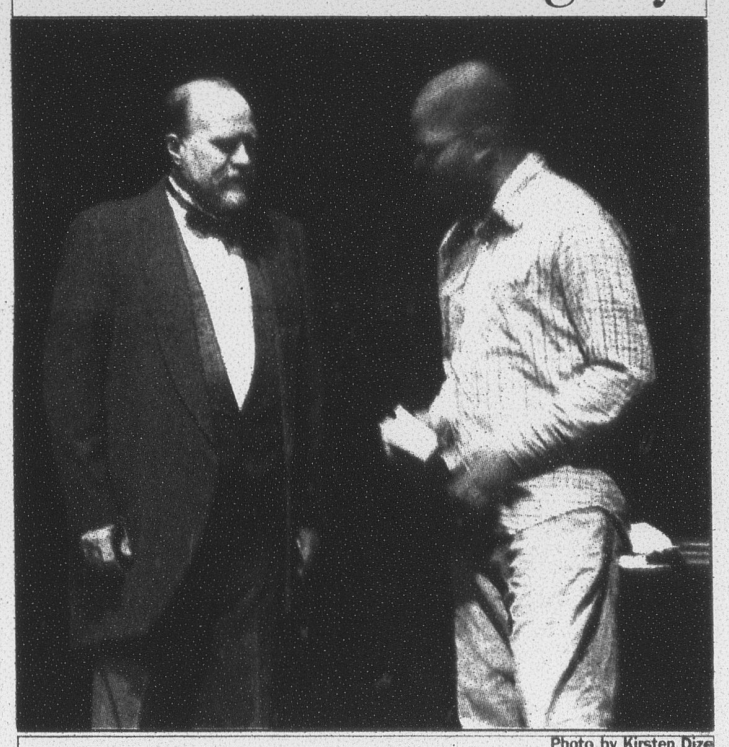
"I do know that the kids love the competition, and, of course, all of the majors try to have an event which will favor their own team. The trick, I think, is to try to do well on each night of the events so that overall, you can beat out everyone else," Mary Pitman said. "I always wait to see who wins the Geekiest Professor Award. Dr. Caylor from physics won it last year and Dr. Smith and Dr. Boylan from chemistry before that, and, of course, the original Geekiest Professor was Dr. Cuff in math."

Pitman's involvement includes collecting the money and forms from the participating teams from physics and chemistry.

At the end of each night, the scores are tallied and posted. Then, at the end of the week, the scores are totaled and a winner is chosen. The Geekiest Professor is chosen and given an engraved plaque and a trophy.

In Geek Week's five years, only science majors have participated; however, it is open to anyone who wants to partake. This year, there are three biology teams, three chemistry teams, three math teams, one physics team and a molecular biology team. There is not a psychology team this year. However, each team must have three to six members, and at least three members must be present each night to participate in the event.

Black and White shows shades of gray



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Black and White Festival a hit

The Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company presented four one-act plays on Nov. 3. Dr. Andrew Ade's "A Question of Taste" earned a standing ovation as the last play.

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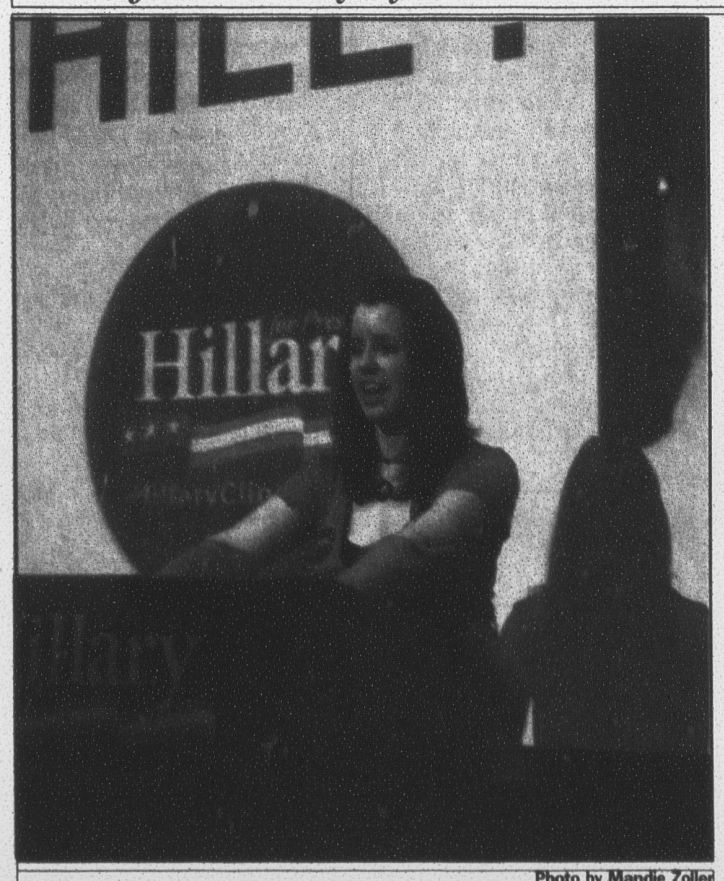
Press to be keynote speaker

Host of nationally-syndicated radio show will speak at Mock Convention on Nov. 7



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Carsen Nesbitt speaks on behalf of democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

This year's guest speaker for the Mock Convention is none other than Bill Press, the host of the nationally syndicated satellite radio show titled The Bill Press Show.

Press has much experience in the world of politics. He has hosted numerous radio and television shows, including some on KABC-TV and KCOP-TV in Los Angeles, Ca., in the early 1990s. KFI-AM is southern California's most-listened to AM station, and Press hosted Bill Press: True American on this station. In addition, he has co-hosted Buchanan and Press on MSNBC and Crossfire and The Spin Room on CNN.

"The keynote speaker is one of the most important parts of the convention," senior Steve Ruperto said. "Bill Press's political experiences make him a perfect choice for the Democratic Mock Convention. I think the students will really enjoy what he has to say, and I am personally looking forward to his speech. He will continue the Mock Convention's tradition of excellent speakers."

Press comes to Westminster through the Washington Speakers Bureau. He has penned three best-selling political books entitled "Spin This!" (2001), "Bush Must Go: The Top Ten Reasons Why George Bush Doesn't Deserve a Second Term"(2004) and "How the Republicans Stole Religion" (2005). His fourth book, to be released in spring 2008, will be titled "Trainwreck: The End of the Conservative Movement (And Not a Moment Too Soon)."

"Mr. Press has an extensive media background and an amazing knowledge of the current political issues," senior Kial Vidic said. "I could not think of a more qualified key note speaker for the convention."

In addition to writing political books, Press is a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist.

In 1990, Press ran for California State Insurance Commissioner, and he has also helped to manage multiple political campaigns at the local and state levels. From 1993 until 1996, he was the chairman of the California Democratic Party, and, under Governor Jerry Brown, Press directed the California Office of Planning and Research.

"I am really excited for Bill Press to speak this year at Mock Convention," junior Allyson Koerner said. "It's a great way for everyone to learn more about politics, especially from someone who knows a lot about politics and discusses it everyday."

Press is also no stranger to awards. He has been awarded the Golden Mike Award in addition to four Emmys. In 1992, he was named Best Commentator of the Year by the Associated Press.

Press earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Niagara University and another degree in theology from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He now lives in Washington, D.C.

Press's address to the Westminster community during the Mock Convention will take place tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. The public is invited to attend, and admission is free.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

I love the Steelers, but I hate their yellow helmets.

Snow? SNOW?! Are you kidding me?!

I voted! Did YOU?

I'll met by moonlight.

Thank goodness midterms are over.

Super Fantastic Story Rotation Extravaganza!

We haven't mentioned the FOPWOP in forever.

I'm the guy who does his job. You must be the other guy.

Break a leg, cast & crew of Midsummer's!!

I've had a rough week, and I want to dance it out.

Rock Conventions Mock...I mean Mock Conventions Rock.

My foot's asleep! THROW THINGS!

The "reset" button actually works.

4,139 M&M's is a delicious amount.

Kudos to the stir-fry decision.

My bf likes Philly sports teams. This is a problem.

Door? What door??

Word to the opera people!

Listen, laptop, this noise has GOT to stop.

So now he's a reptile.

This lack of post-it notes is disturbing.

Did YOU remember the 5th of November?

Fried ice cream is muy delicioso.

Yay for profs bringing in food for the class!

DeColinization. That's not a typo.

I wish I could've seen Montana.

What can I do about my calendar?

Stick it in your ear, turkey!

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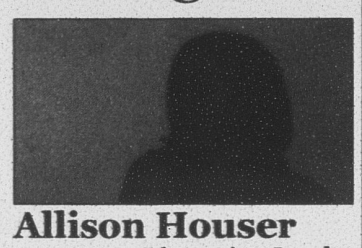
Let's Talk About: The Westminster Plague



Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

We have few traditions here at the WC, but one we do hold near to our hearts each year is our very own plague.

And now that the cold weather has enveloped the town of New Wilmington, it is inevitable that the plague will begin to work its way through every student, professor, and administrator.

This is why I ask you to keep clean this year. After surviving the plague three years in a row, I know I am not alone in hoping to not have to deal with it again this year. Last year, I missed a week's worth of classes in the beginning of spring semester, and I never quite caught up in Spanish. That will not happen again, and I hope it will not happen to my readers, either.

How do we protect ourselves? I will admit that it takes more than your own actions to keep yourself healthy. Yes, we must continue to do all the things our mothers told us to do: wash our hands (you should probably start to do this even more often now that plague season is upon us), cover into your shoulder, cover your nose when you sneeze, and keep your distance from public toilets.

But the rest of the campus must join in and assist our efforts to remain healthy. If the plague has attached itself to you, don't go to class and infect the rest of us. If you have a test that you can't make up, take it and then get the heck out of that classroom.

You should also be washing your hands even more often than normal, and I beg of you to carry some disinfectant around with you and spray the knobs on your sinks and your door. Check out that commercial for Lysol if you don't believe it will help.

Employ your friends to bring you your meals so you have no need to venture out of your room and contaminate the student population.

Take Emergen-C ™ drink mixes. They make one specifically for boosting your immune system. They're not the best-tasting things in the world, but I attribute the plague only affecting me for a week to those little babies.

Have a significant other? Keep well away from them until you're well again. Not only will it help keep them from getting sick, too, but it will help ensure that you won't get sick again.

If you're not one of the sick but your roommate is, stay somewhere else. When the plague hit me last year, my roomie spent the week in another friend's room to avoid catching the plague herself, and she succeeded. She was also the one who brought me my meals and disinfected the entire room. You can be that awesome for your friends, too.

This year, Westminster, we can beat our plague. We can stop it from spreading throughout our campus, but it will take all of us attempting the seemingly impossible to make it possible.

Allison Houser is a PR major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She lets her roommate write her bios.

Fitness center workers need to work it out

One would think a student paying nearly $30,000 to attend college would be able to use the fitness center on campus to workout. However, at the Marge Walker Fitness Center that is often not the case.

It is very frustrating when one walks to the fitness center in the middle of the afternoon, in hopes of working off that grilled cheese and brownie only to find out the gym is closed. Why would the gym be closed in the middle of the day? Once again, the student worker decided that sleeping was more important than making $7.15 an hour to sit behind a desk.

The first time this incident happened, I shrugged it off as an accident, the 3rd and 4th times however, I was a little annoyed. Not only has this happened to me, but other students as well. One student woke up at 6:30 a.m., a time most college students did not even know existed, only to find the gym still closed. Anyone who is determined enough to wake up at that hour of the morning, should be able to use the fitness center, especially considering it is suppose to be open.

Recently, aided by the SGA, the fitness center's hours were extended, or so it seems. The schedule in the fitness center makes notice that the hours have changed to opening earlier in the mornings and staying open later on the weekends. Although, these hours are not anywhere close to the number of hours surrounding schools, such as Alleghany and Thiel, fitness centers are open. It is nonetheless an improvement.

Perhaps the student workers could show a glimpse of responsibility and actually show up for work, or for their fellow students sake get someone else to cover the shift. Everyone knows how vital the exercising fad is in today's surrealist world, not all students want the greasy TUB food melting to their gluteus maximus.

Susan DiFonzo
Senior

The Weekly Glop: Senior Stress

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

Stress can get to anyone. It's how someone deals with stress that defines how much the stress can affect them.

Profoundly obvious comments aside, dealing with stress correctly is important; and it is important to avoid situations that can cause stress as an upperclassman, especially.

I remember being an underclassman. I would look at the seniors in my classes and think to myself: how lazy can they be? It seems that they do no work and skip class constantly. I promised myself I would not fall into those habits as a senior.

Now that I am a senior I see that what I thought was laziness in seniors, in most cases, was far from it. Once you become a senior things begin to happen.

You begin to look for jobs, look for graduate schools, look for places to live, and many other things that take precedence over making perfect attendance in an IP course.

What becomes important in the last year of college changes drastically from what it was as an underclassman. If, as a senior, students do not realize what is important then it will cause much unneeded stress--stress that could have been avoided by careful planning, proper balancing of workloads, and efficient scheduling.

The thing I have found most stressful this year is graduate school search. I want to make sure that I go to a school that I will benefit me the most, but in order to do this I have to spend a lot of time ironing out the programs at different schools to decide what I want.

It is very hard to put the kind of work I want to into this while maintaining the best grades that I can in my classes this semester, especially because of overload due to a late pickup of my second major.

The best advice I can give to other seniors and underclassman is to make sure you get started early. I wish I would have started searching earlier, even before people told me to start.

This would have allowed me to come into this semester with a better idea of where I was going and also with more time to devote to class work.

By doing this I could have avoided the unneeded stress I have been feeling lately due to all of the above. In other words, get things done early, and avoid the stress that will follow if you don't.

Besides making sure to get things done early there are a few other ways to make sure to avoid stress as an underclassman especially.

It is very important to get involved in extracurricular activities in order to enhance the college experience, but make sure they are well balanced.

Joining one or two organizations a year without leaving or become less active in other ones will lead to a lot of extra meetings and work by senior year.

This can cause things that used to be fun to simply become more stress and annoyance in addition to the work that needs to be completed for the week.

Also make sure not to put off classes that are hard until senior year. You may find that your last semester here will be the hardest, and who wants to spend their last year of college crammed into the library until two in the morning nightly?

I hope I got my point across this week, I know how painful it can be to read through a column's worth of advice from someone who really has no credentials other than seven semesters on campus to base his opinion on.

Anthony Colwell is a mathematics and philosophy double major. He is also constantly in search for the secret of the ooze.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get involved and be part of the change

Westminster's homepage has recently been advertising that Westminster College has been ranked 15th in the nation as a leading liberal arts college by the Washington Monthly 2007. I am not surprised at this. I have found that Westminster readily encourages students in their education, teaching them to think and not just to believe. (If you are not learning this way, please question your professors.) I have also seen that Westminster is a college full of very academically driven students. The entering freshmen have an average of 3.4 and rarely do I hear at Westminster that academics aren't a top priority. We seem to get pretty upset when our grades are lower than a B.

So, my question is, if we're so studious, ambitious, and recognized then why don't we use our voice? We can have in incredible impact on our school, on our government, in our communities. I remember hearing once that the government is most afraid of college students. But do Westminster students act like we have that power? We have yet to realize our potential for impact.

This college is here for us, and we pay for it– Administration, the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff, they are all here for us. So why do we act as if this college is the same as our high school? We come, we get an education, we follow directions, and we leave. Shouldn't it be; we apply, we save money, we come, we pay, we live here, we make this college what the students want it to be. Ever wonder about the lack of school spirit here? I think it is because Westminster is not completely a product of its student body. And I do not think that all of those working here would be much opposed to Westminster becoming closer to this vision. Based on what I've heard in Inquiry, I'm pretty sure they would encourage it.

Get ready to start seeing changes. Many schools out there are improving their campus to the point of having zero carbon emissions. Many of their presidents have signed an agreement to work towards that goal. This will happen here. Change what you want changed. Speak for your cause. Realize that your voice is influential on this campus, and outside of its limits. An Ancient Chinese Proverb says, "To know and not to do is not to know." So do something!

Marissa Danney
Senior

A view on the effect of being a dry campus

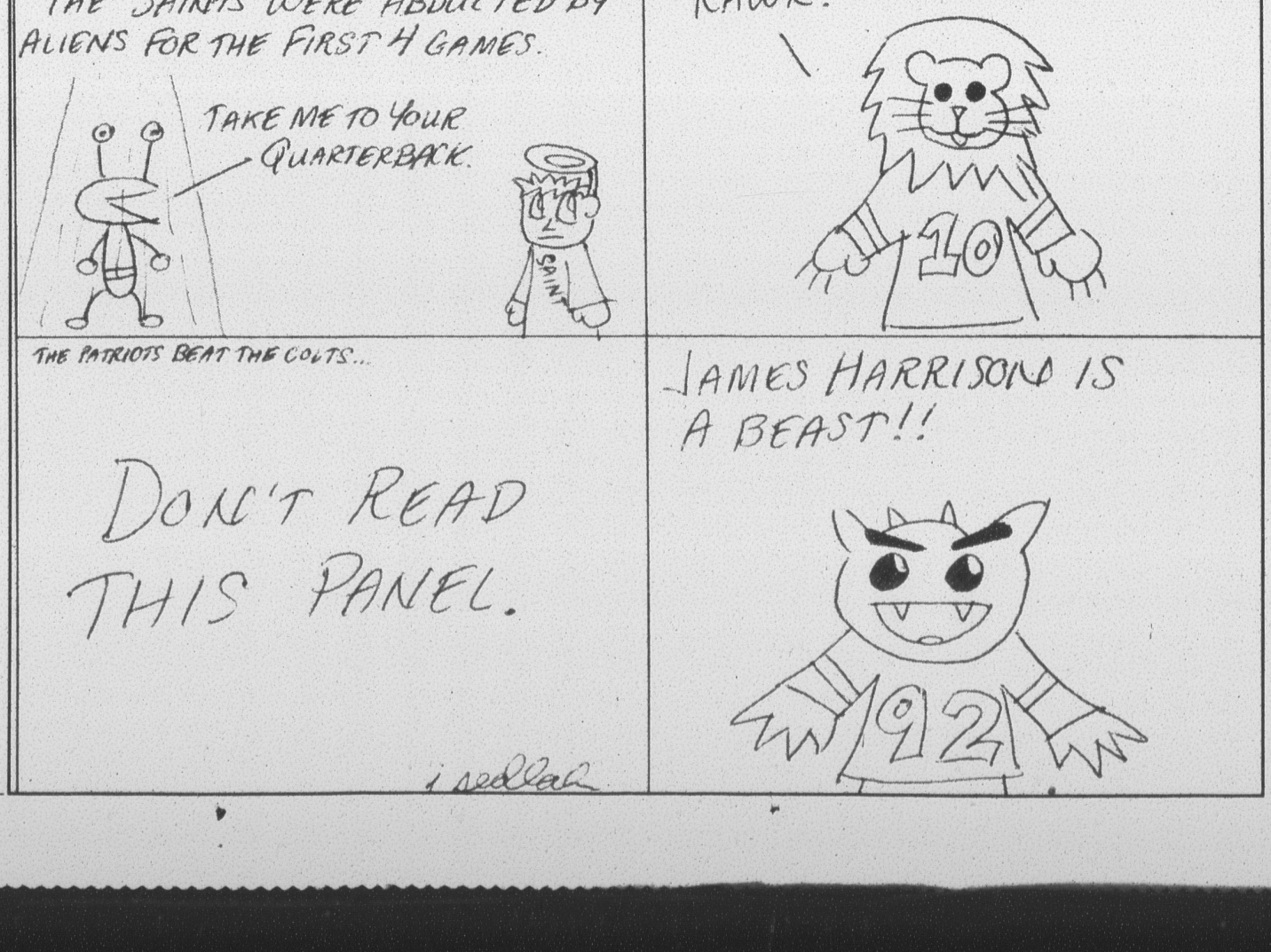
As a 21-year-old, I can legally vote. I can drive, purchase lottery tickets, and marry without my parents' permission. If I so desired, I could volunteer for the military. However, if I am caught possessing or consuming alcohol on campus, I am subject to fines and even suspension at the discretion of college administrators, despite the fact that the United States' government deemed me responsible enough to imbibe approximately seven months ago.

Prohibition didn't work in the 1920s, and it doesn't work now. Banning alcohol does not deter drinking; often, it merely penalizes otherwise law-abiding students who exercise a right granted to them by the U.S. government. Though Wilmington law forbids the sale of alcohol in town, possession and consumption are perfectly legal as long as the individual in question is age 21 or older. Under the current system, a student who wishes to patronize local cultural attractions such as the Volant Mill Winery is subject to punishment even for responsible consumption.

End prohibition! Drinking WILL happen on campus, permissible or not. Rather than banning alcohol absolutely and punishing students who cause no legitimate problems, seek to educate students about the risks of binge drinking and promote safe, responsible consumption.

William Quigley
Senior

The Superfantastic Comic of Sweetness



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State grand jury probes ex-Erie lawmaker

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A state grand jury is investigating a former state legislator from Erie on allegations that the signatures on her election petitions had been forged.

The Pittsburgh-based grand jury is looking into the allegations regarding Linda Bebko-Jones' papers.

Bebko-Jones is a Democrat who represented Erie and abruptly resigned after the signature scandal erupted. She represented Erie in the state House from 1993 to this year.

The focus of the investigation is Bebko-Jones' former administrative assistant.

Efforts under way in Bucks County to save historic barns

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) - Some Bucks County communities have adopted regulations to promote preservation of historic barns, many of which have been falling into disrepair or demolished to make way for housing developments.

More than half of Pennsylvania's barns were built before 1880. Many of those found in the Bucks County area are 19th century English-German style barns, a few from the 1700s.

Some barns that survived demolition or collapse have been uprooted and shipped to places like California, Montana, and Texas to be turned into homes or businesses.

"We're losing our heritage bit by bit," said Jeff Marshall of Heritage Conservancy in Doylestown and co-author of "Barns of Bucks County."

A number of public and private organizations have implemented efforts to save and reuse Bucks County's barns, however.

Towns including Buckingham, Doylestown, Hilltown and Tinicum have adopted regulations to promote preservation and reuse of historic buildings, including barns.

Hilltown recently passed an ordinance that says barns built before 1920 can now be converted into a home, bed and breakfast, or office. The regulations also promote maintaining the historic feel of the structures.

State lawmakers are considering a bill that would provide money to restore and rehabilitate certain structures.

"There should be incentives for people to reuse historic structures," Marshall said. "It's private property but public heritage."

Some local businesses are also reviving Bucks County barns, as renovators search the region for old barns about to be bulldozed. The timbers are disassembled, cleaned and eventually reassembled.

The Brass Lantern shop at Carousel Village in Wrightstown is a converted barn, as is Town and Country Players Theater in Buckingham, and the Community Conservatory of Music in Doylestown.

Officials in Buckingham work with developers to save barns and other historic structures on a property, and to set aside sufficient land around them, said former township supervisor Janet French.

"It is heartbreaking for us to get a plan in and it shows farm buildings that have an 'X' through the barn for it to be removed," said Lynn Bush of the Bucks County Planning Commission. "We've encouraged municipalities to have those buildings highlighted. They are such assets to the landscape and when they're gone they're gone."

Erie schools give students Palms, technology in their hands

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - In Erie, education is being placed in the Palm of hundreds of students' hands.

Quite literally.

The Erie School District has recently distributed over 500 Palm E2 hand-held computer units to elementary and middle-school students in the school's latest attempt to bring all of their classrooms into the digital era.

The Palms, along with the accompanying software and the computer projectors, were paid for with a $196,000 state grant. The Palms will be used by students to receive their assignments, research them and then send them back to the teacher – all with one device.

Erie Superintendent Jim Barker says that the district opted for the Palms over more powerful laptops because they were able to get more for their buck. The district bought five Palms for the price of one laptop.

Pa. official says candle may have started fatal blaze

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Dauphin County District Attorney Edward Marsico Jr. says fire investigators believe a candle may have sparked the blaze that killed two young children.

Officials say Deb Donachy and three children were asleep in the Swatara Township home when the fire broke out at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Officials say father Ryan Donachy discovered the blaze when he came home and got his family out.

Two-year-old Britton and 18-month-old Onna Donachy were pronounced dead at Hershey Medical Center. The mother and a five-month-old girl are in the Lehigh Valley Burn Unit, where officials are not releasing their condition.

PPL officials have confirmed that power to the house was turned off Friday morning. Neighbor Karen Perrelli says that he family had been selling belongings to raise money to pay the electric bill.

NATIONAL

New England coastal residents clean up after remnants of Hurricane Noel hits region

BOSTON (AP) - Several thousand coastal residents from Massachusetts to Maine faced a second night without power Sunday, and at least two house fires were indirectly blamed on the remnants of Hurricane Noel.

The storm struck New England with just a glancing blow Saturday, bringing down tree limbs and knocking out power to 80,000 homes. State officials reported no serious injuries or deaths. By late Sunday afternoon, NStar said 17,000 customers remained without power.

"Crews are facing extensive damage to trees and electric equipment," NStar spokeswoman Caroline Allen said in a statement. The company expected to restore power to all its customers by Monday, she said.

No evacuations, deaths or serious injuries were linked to the storm in the region, said Peter Judge of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

The state's only serious flooding was on Brandt Point on Nantucket, where roads were closed for a few hours, he said.

Earlier, Noel was blamed for at least 57 deaths in Haiti, 84 in the Dominican Republic and one each in the Bahamas and Jamaica, making it the deadliest storm of the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season. Thousands of people were homeless because of the catastrophic flooding on the islands and the extensive damage was reported in Cuba.

A candle used because of the blackout was the likely cause of a fire that damaged a Barnstable house, said Lt. Richard Scherbarth of the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department. The family of five escaped uninjured, but a dog and cat died in the fire.

Yarmouth fire officials said a house fire on Sunday was indirectly caused by the storm. Capt. Allen Bent said the occupant used the fireplace to keep warm during a power outage and that ashes dumped behind the house set it ablaze.

Most of the power outages were on Cape Cod, along with a handful in the areas of Plymouth and Marshfield.

Nearly 9,000 customers were without power Sunday morning in eastern Maine, Bangor Hydro Electric reported. Central Maine Power Co. also reported outages, and said it might send crews to Canada to help repair storm outages in Nova Scotia.

The storm dropped more than 5 inches of rain on parts of Maine, with 6 inches of snow in the northern end of the state.

Woman to testify in pregnant mom's death

CANTON, Ohio - A high school classmate of a suspended police officer who is accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend pleaded guilty Monday to helping dispose of the body and agreed to testify against him.

Myisha Ferrell, 30, quietly pleaded guilty to complicity to abuse a corpse and obstruction of justice -- for lying to the authorities -- just before opening statements were to begin in her jury trial. She was sentenced to two years in prison but will be eligible for release after one year as part of a plea agreement .

Ferrell had faced up to six years in prison if convicted on both counts in the slaying of Jessie Davis, whose disappearance in June drew national attention as thousands searched for her for more than a week near her northeast Ohio home.

Davis' body, with a nearly full-term fetus, was found more than a week later about 25 miles away in a remote area of a park.

Ferrell agreed to testify against Bobby L. Cutts Jr., who is set for trial Feb. 4 on charges of aggravated murder, abuse of a corpse, aggravated burglary and child endangerment.

Ferrell's attorney, John Alexander, said after the hearing that plea negotiations were "contentious" and his client's testimony in the Cutts case is "important."

"She is very upset about the whole situation. Unfortunately, I'm not allowed to go into her side of the story," said Alexander, citing Cutts' pending trial.

Stark County Prosecutor John Ferrero wouldn't comment about what weight Ferrell's testimony would carry at Cutts' trial. He said relatives of Davis support the plea deal for Ferrell.

"It's a good solution," Ferrero said.

Davis' mother, father and sister left the courthouse without commenting on the plea.

Investigators that believe Davis, 26, was killed in her home on June 14 in northeast Ohio's Lake Township, near North Canton. For nine days, she was considered missing and thousands had gathered to search the grassy fields and woods close to her home about 45 miles south of Cleveland.

Davis was nearly full-term in her pregnancy when she went missing and had planned to name her baby Chloe. Her body was found on June 23 about 20 miles away from her home.

Cutts and Davis had a son together and her family has indicated that they believe that Cutts also was the father of her unborn daughter.

Maryland court rejects sniper's appeal

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Washington-area sniper John Allen Muhammad does not deserve a new trial in Maryland, a state appeals court ruled Monday in a sharply worded unanimous decision that compared Muhammad to Jack the Ripper.

The state Court of Special Appeals said Muhammad terrorized the Washington region in a rampage similar to that of the notorious Victorian serial killer who murdered at least five East London prostitutes in 1888.

But the three-judge panel noted one distinction: "Jack the Ripper has never yet been brought to justice. The Beltway snipers have been."

Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were convicted last year on six counts of first-degree murder in Montgomery County in the October 2002 shootings that terrorized the area. Ten people were killed and three were wounded in the shootings in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia.

"The sense of dread that hovered over the entire community was immeasurable. The six lives that were taken were but a part of an incalculable toll," Judge Charles Moylan wrote in the 152-page opinion.

Muhammad, 46, and Malvo are in prison in Virginia, where Muhammad was sentenced to death and Malvo to life without parole. Malvo -- a teenager at the time of the shootings whom Muhammad manipulated, authorities said -- pleaded guilty to the Maryland charges.

Muhammad claimed that he should get a new trial because he was wrongly allowed to represent himself and tht he was wrongly deemed mentally capable to stand trial.

The judges wrote that Muhammad "freely and intelligently" waived his right to a lawyer and that the trial judge didn't err in letting him represent himself.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Sharon's Home Rule Vote on Tuesday

Residents in the Mercer County town of Sharon will decide on Tuesday if they want their town to move from a third-class city to a home rule charter. For more than a year now, a special commission has studied the plan and will now put it up for the voters to consider. The home rule charter proposal calls for replacing the city's mayor, treasurer and controller with a five-member council that would hire a city manager and financial officer. Those in favor of the home rule charter say it would lead to better city management. The opposition claims home rule would limit input from the voters.

Small Plane Crash Kills Mercer County Man

Mercer County emergency response officials say the pilot of a home-made plane is dead after it crashed into a highway near Greenville on Friday morning. Mercer County's coroner identified the victim as the pilot of the plane, 37-year old Daniel Lloyd of Hermitage. The experimental plane crashed along state Route 58 in Greene Township. Witnesses told FAA officials the crash happened shortly after taking off from the nearby Greenville Municipal Airport.

INTERNATIONAL

North Korea expected to start disabling their nuclear facilities

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) _ North Korea is expected to begin disabling its nuclear facilities Monday, marking the biggest step the communist country has ever taken to scale back its atomic program.

The North shut down its sole functioning nuclear reactor at Yongbyon in July, and promised to disable it by year's end in exchange for energy aid and political concessions.

Disabling the reactor at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, would mark a further breakthrough in efforts to convince the North to scale back its nuclear program. The country conducted its first-ever nuclear test in October 2006.

"By Monday morning, they will begin their work," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said in Tokyo on Saturday, referring to the U.S. team that arrived in Pyongyang last week. "It's a very big day because it's the first time it's actually going to start disabling its nuclear program."

South Korean nuclear envoy Chun Yung-woo said Monday that the U.S. team will determine which specific disablement measures it will take first after considering technical issues and safety concerns. Last week, South Korean Foreign Minister Song Min-soon told reporters the team will carry out about 10 measures to disable the Yongbyon facilities.

Chun said he had not confirmed that the U.S. team started the disabling work as scheduled.

Hill said the U.S. intends to achieve the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula while President Bush is still in power, and that North Korea – one of the world's most isolated countries – appeared to be opening up.

"I'd like to see us get through this in the current U.S. administration," Hill told a news conference in Tokyo. "We started this process, and I'd like to see us finish it."

To disable the program, the facilities must be stripped sufficiently that it would take at least a year for North Korea to start them up again, Hill said.

Hill added the U.S. hoped to disable North's uranium enrichment program by Dec. 31, not just its plutonium-production facilities at Yongbyon.

"By the end of the year ... we hope to have arrived at an important milestone, where there is a complete disablement of the Yongbyon facilities, a list of additional facilities for disablement, and that uranium enrichment is resolved to mutual satisfaction," Hill said.

The envoy said American lawyers were working with North Korea to prepare to remove it from a U.S. list of states sponsoring terrorism, but that Pyongyang ultimately needed to meet requirements stipulated under U.S. law.

Taking Pyongyang off the terror list, long a key demand of the North, was one of a series of economic and political concessions offered for the country to disable its nuclear reactor that produces plutonium for bombs.

Food, water running short, 500,000 homes damaged or destroyed in the Mexico floods

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP) - Residents began running perilously short of food and water in Mexico's southern Gulf coast Sunday after a week of devastating floods that destroyed or damaged the homes of as many as half a million people.

Authorities said two more bodies were found Sunday floating in brackish waters covering much of the region. If confirmed the deaths were caused by the flooding, the disaster's toll would stand at 10.

"We are seeing one of the worst natural catastrophes in the history of the country," President Felipe Calderon said in Tabasco state. "Not only because of the size of the area affected, but because of the number of people affected."

Since rivers first began to burst their banks Oct. 28, the homes of an estimated half a million people have been damaged or destroyed, and at least that many more people have been affected by severed utilities and transportation corridors, according to the government. In neighboring Chiapas state, four bridges and 180 miles of roads were washed out.

"People are fighting over food and water, and the lack of electricity and running water are making life in the city impossible," said Martha Lilia Lopez, who has been handing out food to victims on behalf of a nonprofit foundation she heads.

Many in Tabasco remained camped out on the rooftops or upper floors of their flooded homes to guard their possessions from looters, but their resolve was running out – along with water, food and other supplies.

"I would prefer to be in my house instead of a shelter, but we ran out of everything," said Patricio Bernal, 53, who was evacuated by boat along with his wife from their home in the state capital, Villahermosa.

"We spent days without food. We thought we were going to die," said Marta Vidal, 47, who was taken to safety by helicopter.

Daniel Montiel Ortiz, who oversaw helicopter rescue efforts for the federal police, said rescuers were now focused on "selective evacuations" – primarily of sick people – and delivering badly needed supplies to isolated communities still surrounded by water.

After water covered about 80 percent of Tabasco's already swampy coastal region, authorities struggled to calculate the damages. The federal Social Development Department estimated that the homes of 400,000 to 500,000 people were damaged or destroyed.

Campus News

Students attend Powershift Conference

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Seven students from the Sierra Student Coalition and Green Party traveled to the University of Maryland, at College Park, near Washington D.C. Friday Nov. 2 through Sunday Nov. 4, for the Power Shift Conference pertaining to climate change issues the world is currently facing.

The conference brought 5,500 students from across the nation together to inform and educate the students about climate change issues. The students united and were given fuel to change the way their campuses use energy. Students were also presented with the "campus climate challenge" to increase energy sustainability and decrease carbon emissions on their college campuses.

SSC president Leanna Stitt feels that coming together as student leaders across America helped to create the dialogue necessary to stimulate a movement comparable to the social justice movements of the 1960s.

"Being in the presence of so many other concerned college students, who are willing and committed to environmental justice, truly inspired us to spread awareness and participation on our campus," Stitt said. Stitt applied for a grant from the Power Shift Conference for $650 and received it to fund the trip.

During the conference, students attended several panels, keynote speeches break out sessions, and workshops. About 30 panels were offered on Saturday, each lasting an hour and a half.

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From left to right: Leanna Stitt, Marissa Danney, Hollyann Leach, Veronica Geretz, Jess Saeler, and Ethan Frey simulate the logo on the shirts they wear from the Power Shift conference they attended this weekend.

One panel speaker, political activist Ralph Nader, discussed the "Role of Campuses in the Climate Movement," in which he encouraged students to act with a civic personality.

Students also attended breakout sessions in which they were able to discuss regional issues and work together to make their colleges more environmentally friendly. Westminster students met with environmental organization members from Allegheny College, Slippery Rock University, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh during this session.

On Saturday night, students heard Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the House of Representatives and one of several keynote speakers at the conference. Although students were respectful of Pelosi, they also made their beliefs clearly known to her and challenged the ways she neglected using her power to adopt environmental policy.

On Sunday Nov. 4, students could attend three of the nearly 100 offered workshops, which taught students to put what they learned to action. Green Party president Marissa Danney attended the conference in hopes to learn more about scientific aspects of environmental fossil fuels and educate herself about climate change issues.

"I learned that the movement is very significant and that college students have a very powerful voice," Danney said.

Danney plans to use her voice by supporting local farmers rather than buying produce across the country, bring more speakers to campus to educate students about environmental issues, get administration involved in the fight for a green campus, and do all that is possible to lower campus carbon emissions.

SSC member Veronica Geretz also plans to speak out about climate issues. Carelessness of other people in regards to the environment angers Geretz. She explains that the negligence has gone on for too long.

"As a campus we need to be aware of and implement everyday green actions," Geretz said. "I plan to speak with the president, convincing him to minimize our footprint on climate change and encourage students to act on this unavoidable issue."

Participating students included senior Hollyann Leach, senior Ann Ebhojiaye, junior Jess Saeler, junior Veronica Geretz and sophomore Ethan Frey.

College chapter of ARC completes disaster training

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the college chapter of the American Red Cross completed a disaster-training program.

Tom Ford, director of the Lawrence County Red Cross, traveled to campus to conduct the training.

The college chapter, which began last year under the direction of alumna Sarah Timm, works in conjunction with the Lawrence County Chapter. Sophomore Laurel Sprague serves as club president.

Many people are not aware of the many duties of the American Red Cross.

Contrary to popular belief, "The Red Cross is more than just donating blood," sophomore Laura Henry explained.

According to the American Red Cross Disaster Services website, the organization's mission is "to ensure nationwide disaster planning, preparedness, community disaster education, mitigation, and response that will provide the American people with quality services delivered in a uniform, consistent, and responsive manner."

As part of disaster training, the chapter members learned how to handle emergency situations.

Members of the American Red Cross must be ready to respond "to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and fires, or other situations that cause human suffering or create human needs that those affected cannot alleviate without assistance."

Sprague explained that disaster training would teach members how to respond to any such disasters that occur in the community.

"As members of the Red Cross, volunteers are on call for any community disaster," Sprague said.

During training, members also learned how to help other fill out any necessary paperwork after a disaster. They also watched a video that explained how to identify the level of damage done to a house.

Henry found the training beneficial because it gave members an idea or preview of disasters to which they might be called to help.

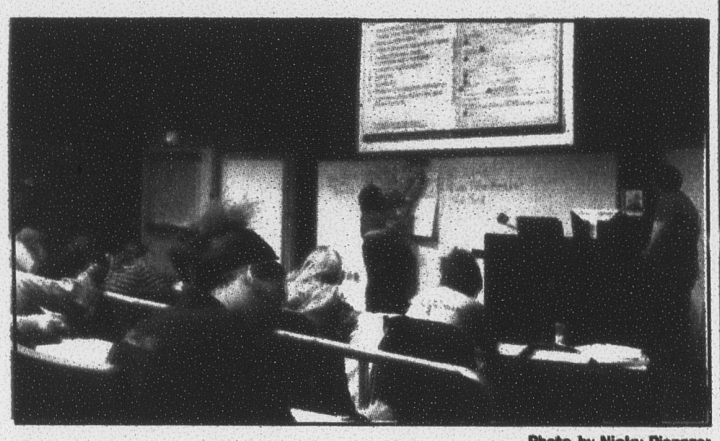
Henry also explained that with the training, she would be able to assist people in filling out Red Cross forms.

"What makes the Westminster Chapter unique is that the members genuinely care about the Red Cross," Sprague explained.

"It's a good thing to get involved in. You are able to reach out to those less fortunate," Henry added.

The club will offer First Aid and CPR training for anyone on campus. They will also volunteer at the Red Cross Christmas Festival on Dec. 2 in Lawrence County.

The chapter is also looking ahead to next semester and a possible wing-a-thon with Theta Chi. The American Red Cross is Theta Chi's philanthropy.



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Campus gives blood to save lives

By Vicki Boggess
Campus Writer

Students gave up a few hours of their time to do their part in helping to save someone's life.

The annual Red Cross blood drive was held on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge. Students who wanted to participate signed up for a time the previous week by replying to campus wide emails or contacting Beth Brooks, executive secretary in the Student Affairs department.

"The blood drives are always successful, but this one was especially stellar," Brooks said.

There were 103 students that signed up to participate in the blood drive, but only 98 showed up for their scheduled appointment. Out of the 98 present, 35 students were first time donors. Some students were not allowed to donate blood because they did not meet certain requirements set by the American Red Cross.

"I donated because it's an easy way to help someone else in their time of need, and when you have roughly five quarts of blood, what's one less pint," Derek Deremer, sophomore English major, said. "Also you get a t-shirt and some cookies, which can make almost any endeavor worthwhile."

Heather MacKenzie, a junior sociology major, was unable to donate blood this year due to the flu.

"I was disappointed that I couldn't give blood because it is a way to help that I can afford, being a poor college student, and I have the universal blood type so I can help many different people," Heather MacKenzie said, junior sociology major.

Even though some students were unable to donate, the American Red Cross collected 83 pints from students.

"We exceeded our goal by 8 pints," Brooks said.

The campus chapter of the Red Cross was started last year by Sarah Timm. The former president graduated last year with a degree in music and drama/theater arts. The Red Cross chapter is not a recognized student organization yet.

"There is a lot an organization has to go through in order to be a properly recognized organization," current president of the Red Cross, sophomore Laurel Sprague said. "I'm just trying to pick up where Sarah left off."

The American Red Cross is a non-profit organization whose goal is to prevent or relieve suffering and to provide help to those who need it

CPU and Psych club to host baby shower for mothers-to-be in need

By Lindsay Crist
Campus Writer

The Psychology Club and the Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn will join forces to help pregnant women in need.

CPU and the Psych Club are hosting a baby shower for mothers who have decided to keep their babies despite their financial hardships from 11a.m. to 2p.m. in the Berlin lounge on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Since this is the first time the groups are hosting the event, they are really optimistic. According to Psychology Club president Veronica Geretz, they are hoping to have at least 50 people in attendance.

"The shower is a 'drop-in' event, so we are hoping that we will have a consistent number of people coming in throughout the afternoon," president of CPU Gabi Hills said.

The goal of the baby shower is to gather baby supplies that would help women in need care for their children. The clubs are hoping to collect general baby needs, such as formula, diapers, bottles, clothing, pacifiers and blankets.

"Diapers and formula are especially needed, because these items are used on a regular basis," Hills said.

The organizations will also be collecting monetary donations to purchase other items to provide help.

"We will be delivering the goods to the 'Women in Need' program at Catholic Charities in Lawrence County. We will deliver the goods ourselves," Hills said. "Since this is the first Baby Shower we have hosted, we will be happy with any number of goods we collect!"

The CPU is a group of people dedicated to promoting the dignity of human life. The organization hopes to host the baby shower again and make the event an annual occurrence.

"We see every human birth as something to be cherished and protected, and try to live out this ideal through our daily lives," Hills said.

"Psychology Club is a coalition of students interested in psychology who want to have a voice in regards to speakers and community opportunities pertaining to psychology," Geretz said.

The partnership of the two clubs has a clear common goal.

"We just want to do something for people in the community," Psych Club member Amy Whitling said.

The shower will provide its guests with food and refreshments, and guests can join in baby shower games.

Men's chorus helps young singers with "Mucho Macho Music" festival

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

The Men's Chorus took part in the fourth annual "Mucho Macho Music" festival at North Hills Junior High School on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

This festival is intended for young men between grades six and nine that are experiencing or will experience a voice change. Sponsored by the Southwest Region of the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania, the Men's Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Robin Lind, associate professor of music, performed and set an example for more than 124 students at this year's event.

Alumnus Shaun Cloonan is currently the director of the eighth-grade choir at North Hills and organized the festival.

"I feel that this festival is a time for young men whose voices are going through a transition," associate professor of music Dr. Anne Bentz said. "It gives them a chance to get together as a group and feel the support of other men who have gone through this transition or are going through this transition and get some sort of unity and support."

"Mucho Macho Music" was created in 2004 by Lind and ACDA-PA Southwest Region Chair Lisa Jaworowski. While many choral events existed, not many specifically focused on the voice change that young men experience.

During the festival, the young men rehearsed four different pieces with the guest conductor, Dr. Lon Beery, and the Men's Choir. While the students practiced for the informal closing performance, directors had the opportunity to review the fundamentals of vocal production with Bentz.

"What we hope for is that they walk away feeling a little bit more confident about their singing abilities, and that they don't give up on singing just because they are going through a voice change," Cloonan said. "That time in a boy's life can be one of extreme self-consciousness, and it is our intent with 'Mucho Macho Music' to make the boys feel more comfortable in a safe and non-threatening environment that celebrates the change and maturation that they are going through."

According to Bentz, a growth spurt that occurs in the larynx causes the voice change in young men.

With his abundance of knowledge and experience with the male adolescent voice, Dr. Lon Beery was the guest conductor at the festival. He has composed and arranged more than 50 published choral pieces. The young men practiced and sang "Fillimiooriay," "Colorado Trail" and Lon Beery's "Til the Walls Come Down." The students had an informal performance with the Men's Choir at the end of the festival.

Opera Westminster presents *The Gypsy Baron*

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

Opera Westminster presented *The Gypsy Baron* by Johann Strauss on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Will W. Orr Auditorium.

Directed by Dr. Anne Hagan Bentz, associate professor of music, *The Gypsy Baron* is a love story between Barinkay and Saffi.

"Not only is this a love story, but this opera is also about war and searching for buried treasure," Junior Kim Hasara explained.

The Gypsy Baron takes place in Hungary around the year 1750. It consists of three acts.

In Act I, Sandor Barinkay, the gypsy baron who is played by senior William McCullough, travels to Hungary to receive his inheritance. His inheritance is his father's lands which currently lie in ruins. However, Zsupan, a rich pig farmer played by faculty member Jonathan Moser, now controls the land.

To avoid conflict, Barinkay decides to propose to Zsupan's daughter Arsena, played by junior Sonia Firster. However, Arsena is in love with someone else. More conflict arises between he and Arsena because they are of two different classes. She is of "royal blood."

Barinkay is frustrated. He hears "Tsingdrah," a gypsysong he remembers from his childhood. Saffi, the daughter of Czipra, is singing. The gypsies find out who he is and pronounce him their lord and baron. Confident with his new title, Barinkay returns to claim Arsena's love. He is once again shot down because he is not of the nobility. Barinkay then decides that he will take Saffi, the daughter of an old gypsy named Czipra and played by Hasara, as his wife.

Hasara called the finale scene of the first act her favorite.

"There is so much tension built up between the two groups of people, that finally at the end, we lose our control and we start fighting each other and the curtain closes, leaving the audience curious of what is to come next," she said.

Act II finds Barinkay and Saffi in love. They must find the treasure. Upon finding the gold, Count Carnero attempts to claim it. Count Homonay, played by David Timm, calls upon the men to serve in the war. Barinkay, distressed over a revelation involving his beloved Saffi, enlists in the army and heads to war.

The men return home from the war in Act III. Zsupan describes the humorous aspects of war and deems Barinkay a hero.

"There is a happy ending for all," Bentz explained.

In addition to Moser, other faculty members play important roles in this production. William Ambert, adjunct faculty of music, plays one of the townspeople. Mihai Vilcu, adjunct faculty of music, is the conductor and Marie Libal Smith, adjunct faculty of music, is the pianist.

Two community members also lend their talents to the show.

Students also helped run the production. Junior Kevin Shields served as choreographer. Additionally, students build the entire set and provide their own costumes.

"Opera is the ultimate music theater experience," Bentz said.

"It is a great opportunity to see what the students are working on in the music department. More often than not, we are cooped up in our little practice rooms. We love sharing what we do with others," Hasara added.

Opera Westminster is in its seventh year of productions. They put on two shows every year. In the fall, they put on a full-scale production while in the spring they perform scenes from an opera. They will perform scenes from *Opera Ball* on April 12.

Opera Westminster was recently honored in Harrisburg, Pa. during the IACUP College Days at the Capital. The group was recognized for their service learning project which took them into the New Wilmington community to perform opera scenes.

Titan women bask in PAC glory

Women's soccer outshoots Washington and Jefferson to earn fifth PAC Title

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

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Members of the Lady Titan soccer team pose after winning the PAC championship. The women will take on Manhattanville in the first round of NCAA Division III play.

The women's soccer team secured their fifth PAC title in six years after defeating Washington & Jefferson and Grove City.

The Titans qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament for the fifth time in six years and will take on Manhattanville in the first round.

The Titans took on Grove City in the semi-finals Tuesday, October 30. The second-seeded Titans defeated the third-seeded Grove City with a final score of 2-1.

Freshman Sarah Nee scored 40 seconds into the game on a crossing pass from senior Mallory Bugel.

Bugel also assisted on junior Christina Adams goal in the 61st minute. The goal secured the Westminster win, as Grove City scored in the 70th minute.

The Titans out-shot the Wolverines 17-8. Sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott made four saves.

The Titans hosted W&J in the championship finals after the fourth-seeded W&J upset the top-seeded Thomas More in semi-finals.

The will to win was strong on both sides of the field as the Titans and the Presidents battled for the PAC title. The game ended in a 1-1 tie followed by two overtime periods. The Titans won on a penalty-kick shootout, 3-2.

W&J's Madison Manius scored the first goal during the game. The Titans' junior Jessi Losteter sent the game into overtime with a goal in 76th minute on assists by Adams and senior Kait Etzel-Hardman.

The Titans and the Presidents made five attempts during the shootout. Adams and senior Kristen Martin each scored one goal for the Titans. W&J's Marie Majkut made it 2-2 on her team's fifth attempt. Freshman Sarah Nee scored on the Titans' fifth attempt and secured the Westminster win.

"When I was shooting the last penalty kick, I was so nervous and felt tremendous pressure," Nee said. "The entire crowd was silent and in my mind. I knew that if I made the shot then my team would win the championship, but if I missed, we could lose. I knew that I wanted to win this game and championship not only for my team, but especially for the seniors. They deserved it more than anything."

Mellott made five saves during the 110 minutes of regulation and overtime. She also stopped W&J's third shootout attempt.

The Titans' first round of the NCAA Division II Tournament will take place at home on Wednesday, November 7. Their opponent is the Manhattanville Valiants (7-11-3).

"The NCAA tournament is always going to be a challenge because it is a national tournament," Mellott said. "I'm expecting we'll be up against the best teams in the country in Division III soccer."

Manahattanville's non-conference season ended with a record of 0-11-2. The team has gone 7-0-1 in their last eight games. This is the Valiants' first appearance in the NCAA tournament in their 29-year history.

The winner of the match will travel to compete with nationally ranked Messiah (19-0-0) on Saturday, November 10.

State of the NFL: Grading Roger Goodell

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Everybody give a warm welcome back to Chris Henry and Tank Johnson. That's right folks, these two play creators or criminals, whichever you prefer, will be debuting this NFL season during week 10.

Although these two are making their dubious returns, let's at least give Roger Goodell credit for suspending them in the first place.

Goodell's player policies have been far more extensive than what had been previously employed by former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Aside from Henry and Johnson, Adam "Pacman" Jones had the book thrown at him by Goodell when he was suspended for the duration of this NFL season.

As if that was not enough player trouble for Goodell to have to deal with, in case you may have missed it, Michael Vick was arrested for participating in illegal dog fighting.

Goodell did not have to make any decisions on how to punish Vick. No, the state and federal prosecutors have made those decisions just fine without the help of Roger Goodell.

Tip of the cap to Goodell for implementing his current player conduct policies, but what is it with the notion that the NFL must go global? The bout between the New York Football Giants and the Miami Goldfish in London took place on a surface that was less than par by NFL standards.

Because of that surface, the game was a sloppy one that could have cost the Giants a crucial game in their quest for the playoffs. The same could be said for the Dolphins, but with half of the season still to be played they could already be mathematically eliminated. The point is, that by playing a game in London, the team who should have had the home game loses a competitive advantage.

Home field advantage is not a myth, but rather a fact in the NFL. By losing a game at home, the teams have lost a competitive advantage to the teams who get to play the full complement of eight home games.

Not only do teams lose a competitive advantage when they have to play a home game at a different location, the fans lose the chance to go and support their team. NFL fans are arguably the most dedicated and diehard of any sport. Robbing them of an opportunity to see their home team is wrong.

The NFL going global is something that should be left for each team to decide. Take for instance the Buffalo Bills, who have just asked the NFL for permission to play two home games per season in Canada. Because that individual team wants to play games away from home they should be able to do so.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Women's volleyball claims first PAC title in five years

Contributed Photo

Members of the lady Titan volleyball team and coaches pose after reclaiming the PAC championship.

By Tom Campana
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans broke their five- year drought as they won the PAC title this past weekend.

The first seed Titans were not surprised nor upset this year, as they defeated Washington and Jefferson on Friday night in a 3-1 match of the second round.

The Titans beat the number 4 seed in the PAC with a strong 3 game finish as they led the Presidents 18-11 in the first game, but were left short 29-31. The Titans then rallied as they posted 3 strong wins in beating the Presidents of Washington and Jefferson 30-11, 30-9, and 30-24.

As done all season the Titans were led by several players, senior Jess Cooper posted 15 kills as sophomore Sam Botzum added 14 kills in the Lady Titans victory. Junior Traci Hassell also posted 47 assists and 21 digs in the Titan's second round win.

With their win over Washington and Jefferson the Lady Titans advanced to the PAC championship match Saturday. The Titans awaited anxiously to see who they would do battle against; as they watched the number 2 seed Thomas More beat the number 3 seed Grove City 3-1.

As a repeat of last season, the Titans would once again have to face last season's nightmare. The Titans who were knocked out of the 2006 PAC tournament by Thomas More sought revenge as they would play for the rights of a PAC title.

With a familiar relationship, the Titans were more than prepared as they took the court Saturday against the Saints of Thomas More. The Titans who hoisted the PAC trophy swept Thomas More 3-0 in a 30-17, 30-24, and a 30-27 victory.

The Titans were led by senior Jess Cooper who was named PAC player of the year and first team all PAC's, as she posted 14 kills and 4 blocks in the Lady Titans championship victory.

Head Coach Tammy Swearingen was also noticed as she received the PAC coach of the year for her second straight season.

The Titans, who finished their season at a 23-11 mark, were given an automatic NCAA Division III bid and will play number 19 Hiram who is 27-5, at Wittenberg University in Ohio on Thursday, Nov. 8.

Other Lady Titans who received all-PAC were junior setter Traci Hassell (32 assist), who earned first team honors and senior Libero Hannah Parker (18 digs) who earned honorable mention for the all-PAC team.

This will be the first time in Westminster history that the Women's volleyball team has appeared in the NCAA tournament and the first time ever appearing in any national tournament, since the 1997 team qualified for the NAIA national tournament with a 31-8 record.

Titan football wins last home game

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

Coming into the last home game of the year the Titans faced off against the Thiel Tomcats. The Titans came into the game with a record of 4-4 and 1-3 in the PAC, while Thiel had a record of 2-6 and 1-4 in the conference. This also happened to be senior day for the Titans.

As senior Shane Parker said last week, this was going to be a game where the Titans must control the tempo to win. And that they did. Westminster ran 84 total plays and possessed the ball for 40:15 of the game.

Both the offense and the defense came to play for the Titans this week as they dominated the total yards category 316-236. There was no score in the first quarter as both teams failed to get their offenses rolling early. The Titans were stopped on the 1-yard line and Thiel also blocked a Fred Romeo field goal, keeping all points off of the board.

The 2nd quarter is where the offenses finally got into a groove. The first Titan score came on a drive led my tailback Nick McKlosky ,who had 24 yards on the ground including a 7 yard run to cap of the scoring drive. With the Titans up 7-0 Thiel's offense was forced to put up points. With no time left on the clock a final second field goal fell through for Thiel making the score 7-3 going into the half.

The Titans came right out tenaciously the 2nd half. With 27 yards through the air on the drive for quarterback Kevin Franz the Titans moved down the field. The scoring drive was capped off by a quarterback sneak from the 1 yard line putting the Titans ahead 14-3. Theil came back later in the 3rd quarter on a short drive. The drive was all rushing as the Tomcats put up 52 yards on the ground including a 17 yard run for a score by quarterback Marc LaScola. After the rushing touchdown the score was 14-10 Titans.

With the score 14-10, the teams went into the 4th quarter. The Titans came out on their second drive of the 4th quarter and went to Kevin Franz for an answer. He comlplied with an 18-yard run and 24 through the air including a 5 - yard touchdown pass to senior Jason Discello. The extra point was missed and the score was 20-10 Westminster. Thiel came right back with a 59 yard kickoff return to the Titans 22 yard line. The Tomcats scored on a 19 yard pass from LaScola to Wagner. The extra point was missed, however, making the score 20-16. The Tomcats made one last valiant effort as they attempted 5 laterals on the last play of the game, only to be stopped by Andrew Robison to end the game 20-16.

Senior Shane Parker commented on the game saying, "Well we played physically with them the entire game and that is what it really came down to in the end. We out-muscled them. I mean our time of possession was 41-19; that is only because the defense kept them off the field for the most part and we sustained drives as an offense. This marked the first time we beat Thiel as a senior class, we had lost to them the past three years."

When asked about next weeks game at Waynesburg Parker added ,"As for Waynesburg, we are going to have to keep a similar strategy to beat these guys and stay on them from the get go. From an offensive line standpoint, we see it as one overrated defensive lineman (Chris Lorber) down and one to go in Mike Czerwin. We are really looking forward to coming out and spoiling their season and knocking them out of the NCAA playoffs."

The Titans are away for their last game of the year as they play Waynesburg. The game kicks off at 1:30 p.m. on November 11th.

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Brandon's Column

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However, it is not the NFL's right to tell teams that they must play games somewhere other than their own stadiums. When Jerry Jones says that he is loyal to his hometown Cowboys fans, I support his desire to play all of his eight home games at home, in Dallas.

Now comes the fun part of grading Goodell. Thus far in his time as NFL commissioner, Goodell has implemented two major platforms: player conduct policies and NFL globalization. As evidenced above, I agree with Goodell on one out of two. Some might say that is a 50 percent, which would grade out as an F.

Hey, one out of two is not bad. If Goodell could hit the ball one out of two times, he would be the highest paid player in baseball. The problem is we are talking football.

Men's and women's swim teams open season, split with Allegheny

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming teams competed in their first dual meet of the season at home against Allegheny on Friday, November 2. The Titan men won, 169-84, and the Titan women lost, 144-118.

For the men's team, sophomore freestyler Brett Gerthoffer won three individual events for the Titans, including the 50- (22.28), 100- (49.44) and 200-yard (1:48.62) freestyles.

Other multiple individual events winners for the Titans included junior Chris Lehberger capturing the 200 breaststroke (2:16.34) and the 200 IM (29.24), juniors Conor Simpson taking the 100 (54.64) and 200 (2:04.68) butterfly races, and freshman Devin Gannon winning the 100 (57.79) and 200 (2:07.63) backstrokes.

For the men's relay team, Gannon, Simpson, Gerthoffer and sophomore Ben Gutmann won the 200-medley relay (1:41.79). Gutmann also won the 100 breaststroke (1:01.63).

On the women's side, junior Megan Mier won the 100 backstroke (1:02.67) and the 200 IM (2:17.40), while sophomore Natalie Rambish placed second in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.15.

Westminster swimmers touched first in 17 events, thirteen for the men and four for the Lady Titans. The Titans swim team will return to action November 14 when they host Washington & Jefferson for a 6 p.m. start.

Men's soccer qualifies for ECACs after falling to Thomas More

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - For a second straight year, the Westminster College men's soccer team has earned a postseason bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Region Championships.

The Titans (10-6-3) will host Bethany (8-8-3) Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Wilmington High School in the quarterfinal round beginning at 7:30 p.m. The winner will play the winner of Swarthmore and Cabrini on Saturday.

Westminster was the top seed in this year's Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship before being upset by Thomas More, 3-1, in the semifinals on Oct. 31, just four days after they beat the Saints, 4-0, in the regular-season finale.

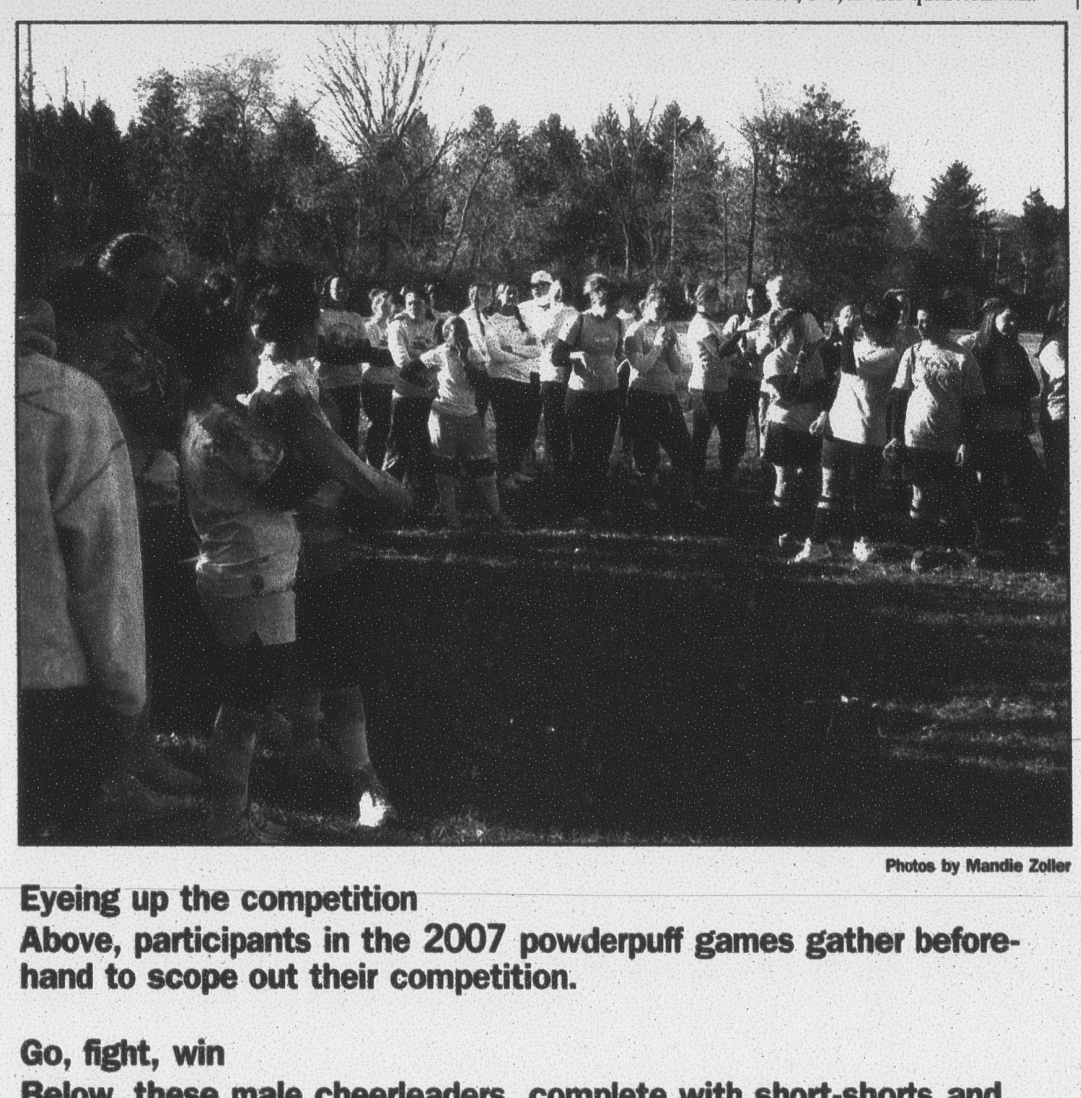
Thomas More (13-5) scored 57 seconds into the game when Gary Sheahan scored on a breakaway goal. Sheahan struck again with a 32nd-minute goal to put the Saints up, 2-0.

The Titans(10-5-3) got on the board in the 40th minute when freshman midfielder Wade Grubbs) scored his first career goal on a cross from senior forward Andrew Saporito

Thomas More came right back four minutes later as John Wallace scored on a cross from Aaron Osborne.

The Titans held a slight, 23-22, shot advantage. Freshman goalkeeper Mike Codita made eight saves for the Titans, while Thomas More's Matt Koopman made 10 saves.

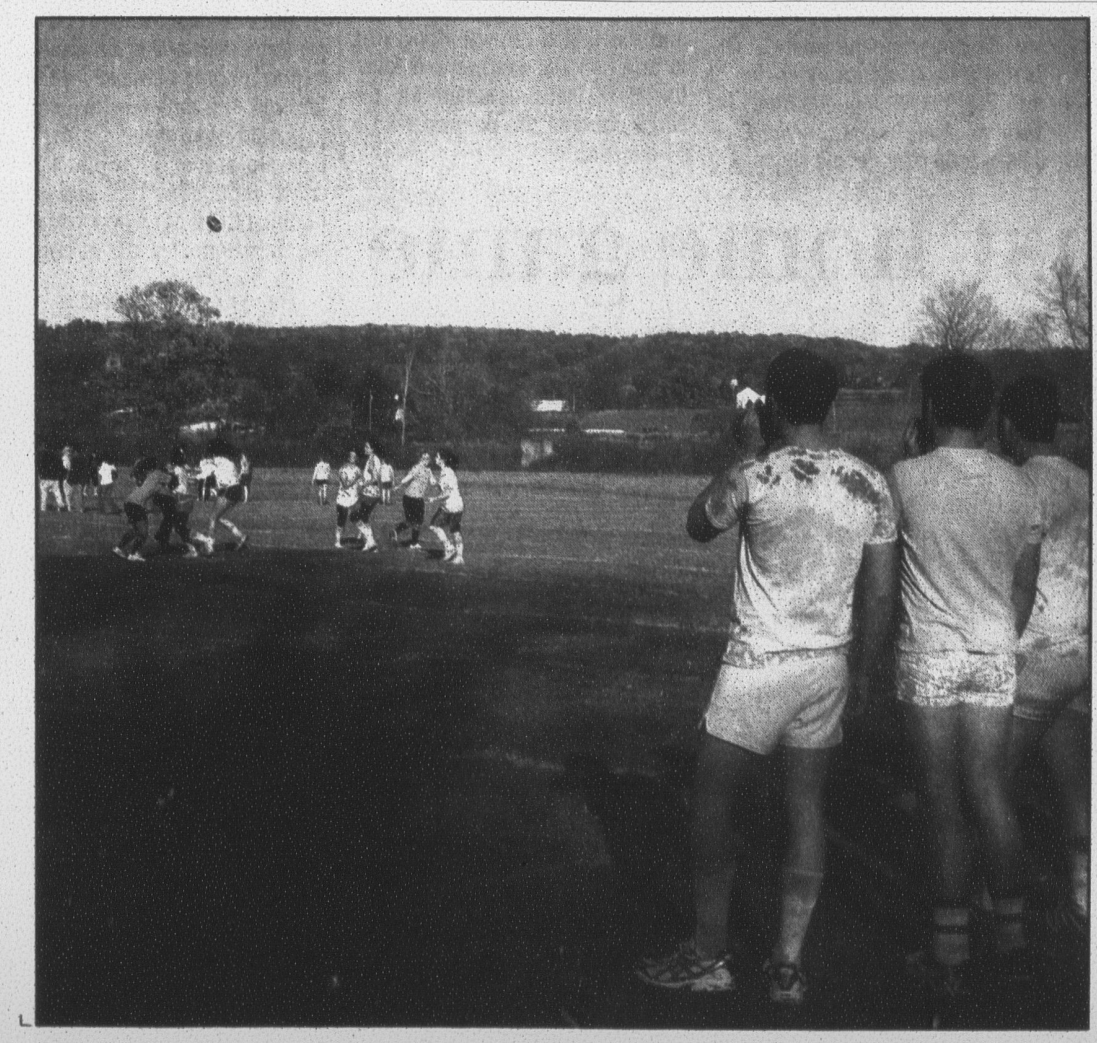
The Titans qualified for the ECAC South Region Tournament last year, before losing at Carnegie Mellon, 3-0, in the quarterfinals.



Photos by Mandie Zoller

Eyeing up the competition
Above, participants in the 2007 powderpuff games gather beforehand to scope out their competition.

Go, fight, win
Below, these male cheerleaders, complete with short-shorts and megaphones, went all out to show their powederpuff spirit.



Titan athletic honors

Women's soccer: Brittany McKee earns three honors

Senior women's soccer player Brittany McKee (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) collected various awards this week.

McKee, a 5-foot-3 defender on the 8-2-2 Titan women's soccer team, earned three honors recognizing her on-the-field accomplishments last week, while the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) honored her as Female Scholar-Athlete of the Month for September 2007.

On Monday, McKee was named PAC Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week. On Tuesday she was named Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Region Defensive Player of the Week and was one of 11 players in the nation honored by D3Kicks.com on the National Team of the Week.

McKee helped lead the defensive efforts in two road shutouts last week over Geneva (6-0) on Oct. 1 and Thiel (3-0) on Oct. 4 as opponents were held to just six shots (Geneva 5, Thiel 1), including three on goal. This marks the second time this season that McKee earned D3Kicks.com National Team of the Week honors.

McKee

Volleyball: Jessica Cooper named SAAC athlete of the week

Senior volleyball player Jess Cooper has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Oct. 30-Nov. 5.

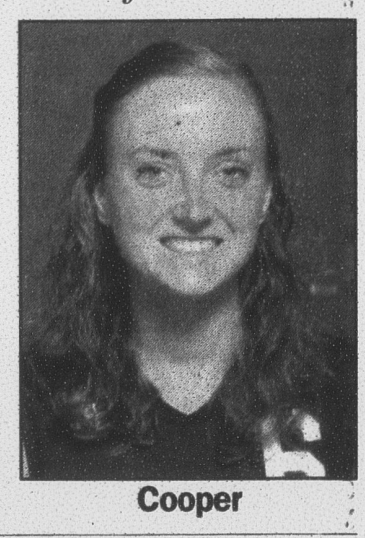
Cooper led the Titans to their 16th and 17th straight wins, their first Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) title since 2002 and their first ever NCAA Tournament berth in a pair of wins last week.

Cooper posted 14 kills and four blocks against Thomas More in the PAC finals on Saturday and also a team high 15 kills against Washington & Jefferson in Friday's semifinals, giving her 4.14 kills per game for the week.

This is the third time in four weeks that Cooper has recieved SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week Honors.

Cooper was named 2007 PAC Player of the Year and received first team all PAC honors as well. She is a second year starter and three year letter winner.

Cooper is a history major from Laurel, Pa.



Cooper

Powderpuff game kicks off SGA's Fall Fest

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

For the first time since 2004, SGA held a powderpuff football game on Friday, Nov. 4.

The team called "Ares" took first place in the contest, which started at 4 p.m. A bonfire was also held following the game.

"The game was awesome," "Ares" coach Rachel Strohm said. "We just wanted to go out there and have a good time."

The teams consisted of seven girls and three male cheerleaders per team. Twelve teams in all played in the contest. The "Ares" team played in three games to win the first place title.

"We decided on the name 'Ares' for our team name because we wanted something that sounded tough," Strohm said. "In Greek mythology Ares is the god of war, so we thought it was appropriate."

The powderpuff game and the bonfire were both attempts by SGA to bring back a "Fall Fest" event, which has not been held for several years. SGA held the last "Fall Fest" in the fall of 2004; however, instead of having a powderpuff football game, the "Fall Fest" was scheduled to have a concert.

"That 'Fall Fest' had a concert and some other things, but it did not work out as well because the band didn't show up," SGA vice president Elena Infante said.

"I wanted to bring this back as a fun event that students could enjoy in the fall, similar to the way students enjoy VolleyRock in the spring, but on a smaller scale."

Infante says that she hopes SGA will continue the event next year. She will encourage the new slate to think about holding the event again since the event did receive a lot of positive interest and feedback.

"The turnout was great!" Infante said. "There were a lot of fans and cheerleaders for all the teams, and the best cheerleaders will be receiving a cash prize."

To show their enthusiasm and team spirit, players and the cheerleaders dressed up in matching T-shirts and outfits for the event.

"The powderpuff games were so fun to not only play in, but also to watch. I'm not sure, but I think some of the male cheerleaders might have stolen the show!" junior Aimee Gerber said.

Hotdogs and s'mores were served at the bonfire after the game. Throughout the evening, people came out to the amphitheatre for the bonfire and other games.

"I think that the bonfire and powderpuff game were amazing!" SGA Student Concerns Chair Ashley Carnahan said. "Everything was planned really well, and it was a great way for the campus to come together!"

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the event.

"The bonfire right after the games was a great way to wind down and relax with food and friends," Gerber said.

Various people were overheard talking about how they are looking forward to participating again if SGA is to hold the event in the future.

"The games were exciting and fun," freshman Amanda Murphy said. "It was something that turned out to be a lot of fun just to do with your friends, and I would definitely do it again."

The powderpuff football game and bonfire were a good opportunity for students to participate in an activity on the weekend when they might otherwise have gone home.

"The 'Fall Fest' gave us something different to do on the weekend," junior Stef Niziol said. "It was a good time and a lot of fun."

Photo by Mandie Zoller

Above right, members of SGA oversee the powderpuff game to makes sure all goes as planned.

Calendar

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Green Party Meeting

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

1:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Manhattanville (NCAA First Round)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)

7:00 PM Mock Convention (Field House IM Gym)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Chapel Drama Auditions

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Cisco IP Phone Training Sessions (five throughout the day) (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

3:00 PM Mock Convention (Field House IM Gym)

3:30 PM Volleyball @ Hiram (NCAA First Round at Wittenberg)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (Patterson 231)

5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Club)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Chapel Drama Auditions (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:30 PM BSU Meeting (TBA)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:30 PM Mock Convention Parade of Delegates (Field House IM Gym)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (Beeghly Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, November 9, 2007

Drop One Class Only (First-Year Students Only)-- $15 Fee

Last Day to Withdraw (if approved) for Upperclass and Transfer Students -- $15 Fee

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Cisco IP Phone Training Sessions (five sessions throughout the day) (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Bourne Ultimatum (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Superbad (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, November 10, 2007

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY

TBA Men's Cross Country @ NCAA Regional (at Muhlenberg)

TBA Women's Cross Country @ NCAA Regional (at Muhlenberg)

9:00 AM Gender Issues Symposium (Phillips Lecture Hall)

1:30 PM Football @ Waynesburg*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Sigma Kappa Founders' Day (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Brian Stokes Mitchell in Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Jen Kober, Comedian (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Superbad (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Bourne Ultimatum (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, November 11, 2007

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Women in Need (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

1:00 PM "Staging Dreams," a Presentation by Dr. Andy Ade (MCC Mueller Theater)

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (Beeghly Theater)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

3:00 PM Cross Country Team Parents' Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Superbad (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers -- Evensong (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Bourne Ultimatum (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, November 12, 2007

5th Annual Geek Week

VETERANS' DAY (observed)

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Room 352)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM REGISTRATION (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:30 PM PRSSA Initiation (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:00 PM PRSSA Colloquium (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Faculty Jazz Concert (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

5th Annual Geek Week

3:00 PM REGISTRATION (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:15 PM Panhellenic Council Meeting (111 Ferguson)

5:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival (MCC Mueller Theater

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Alpha Gamma Delta Recruitment Party (Ferguson Hall Lounge)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

5th Annual Geek Week

Chapel Drama Auditions

Green Party Meeting

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum -- William Evans, "Boy, Does He Need Therapy! (Whatever That is): "An Examination of the Practice and Theory and Foundations of Counseling and Psychotherapy As It Exists in the 21st Century" (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

3:00 PM REGISTRATION (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Chapel Drama Auditions (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:00 PM MEN'S SWIMMING v. Washington & Jefferson*

6:00 PM WOMEN'S SWIMMING v. Washington & Jefferson*

6:00 PM Diversity Services Event: Native American Dance Group (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Celebrate Native American Month with the Piscataway Nation (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM YPS Discussion Groups (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:00 PM ODK Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Crossword

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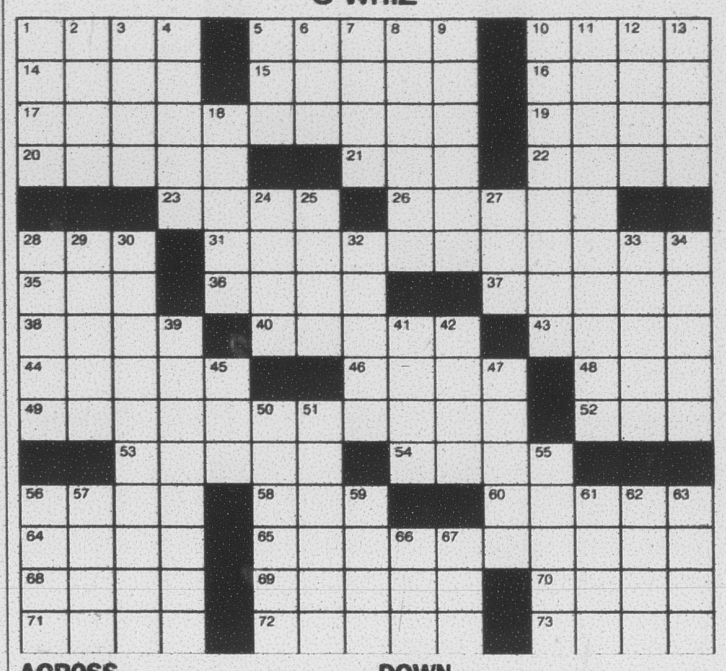

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21 Actor Benicio ___ Toro
22 Distinguished Flying Cross recipients
23 Besides
26 Sneak around
28 Sign of middle age, maybe
31 Glenn Miller tune?
35 Part of ETA
36 "And Then There Were ___"
37 Marching drum
38 Biblical matchmaker?
40 Bet
43 Pout
44 Morning show
46 Fervent
48 John Dos Passos trilogy
49 First four minute mile?
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53 Pavarotti, for one
54 Guitar part
56 Follow
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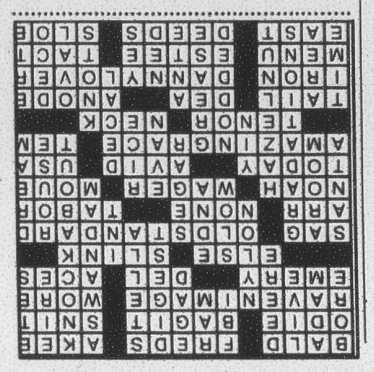

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

A certain amount of escapism or unconventional behavior is acceptable, but do not lose sight of reality. Stay centered and on track to achieve your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Pay attention to a joint financial agreement, arrangement or business account. Compare notes with your spouse or partner and make the necessary changes.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Take steps to avoid betraying an important trust. Guard and protect the secrets of a loved one who needs your compassion, support and guidance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Strive to be more efficient and effective in your work routine. Make a list of assignments or chores and complete them one at a time.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

It is your turn to benefit or cash in on positive deeds performed in the past. Do not hesitate to collect on a favor owed to you by a long-time acquaintance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

It pays to have all the facts before making an important decision that will affect you, your family or your home life. Dig deep to uncover the truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Be willing to think outside of the box and let your imagination run wild this week. Make it a goal to come up with suggestions or solutions to a gnawing dilemma.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Shy away from gambling or speculative ventures and budget your money with care. Start with allotments to cover your immediate needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

What transpires among your peers or associates is not about you. Be aware of your ego and your tendency to stick out in the crowd.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Do not allow anything to disturb your peace of mind. Work behind the scenes in quiet solitude and capture your private thoughts on paper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Nurture your friends in ways that will benefit them in the long run. It may be necessary to say no to an unsafe request and guide them in another direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Focus on achieving a professional or career goal. Rise up and face a challenging dilemma with fortitude and a determination to succeed.

If your birthday is this week:

Stay on your mental toes during the coming year. There is an active cycle dealing with communication that is likely to affect many areas of your life. You will be exposed to a gamut of information and it will be up to you to decipher and distribute as you see fit. You are entering a new phase in your personal development and there are major changes in store for you. Make every effort to let go of the old and make room for the new.

Also born this week:

William Safire, Ty Cobb, Criss Angel, JoJo, Joseph Stalin, Lady Bird Johnson and Eddie Vedder.

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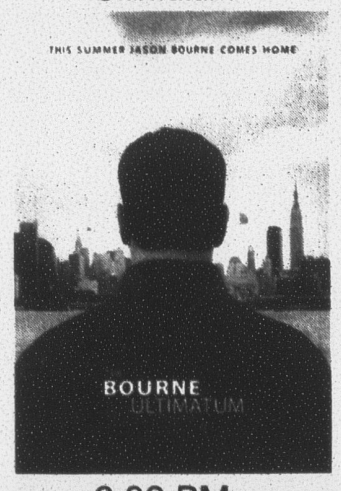

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Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

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Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

Defend this house

Will Say Anything make it out alive?

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

For some reason, I was nervous about reviewing Say Anything's newest album, *In Defense of the Genre*. Maybe I was worried that people wouldn't agree with what I had to say, or maybe it was because I didn't feel that I knew enough about the band. With the cult-like following that Say Anything boasts, the last thing a reviewer wants to do is make people angry. There is nothing like a mob of Say Anything fans chasing you with swords and clubs, as the album artwork suggests.

The double-disc album, a whopping 27 songs long, blurs genre lines, incorporating elements from electronica, dance, hardcore, swing, jazz, pop and rock.

The album opens with "Skinny, Mean Man," a song that not only caught me off guard with its intensity, but also with aggregative style of the song's parts. The song doesn't have a solid "flow" to it, but instead changes from aggressive to bright, then from bright to tranquil in an ending that features lead vocalist Max Bemis's voice repeating over placid guitar.

"No Soul," featuring Anna Waronker and DJ Swamp, is a track sprinkled with keyboard and synthesizer, and at times feels like a Hellogoodbye b-side, and at other times like a dance-club remix.

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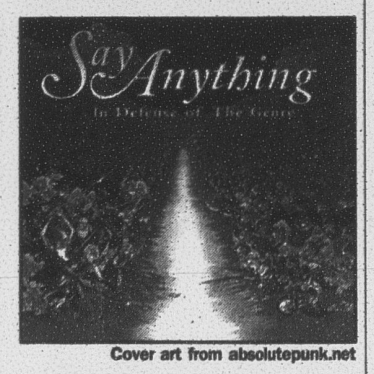
However, this chaotic (and often confusing) method of piecing song parts together isn't unique to just these two songs, but runs as a motif throughout both discs. Strangely, each song seems to lose its identity not from a lack of creativity, but from the amount of creativity. With every track bursting at the seams with the "stuff" going on, from synthesizers ("Baby Girl, I'm A Blur") to arrangements that feel like they should be playing from a saloon jukebox ("That Is Why"), I felt overwhelmed and bewildered. Was it because of the unnatural arrangements? Was it because of the lawlessness and tumultuous feel of the record? Or was it because I was viewing the record the wrong way, by taking it apart song by song? With that being said, *IDOTG* is not meant to be understood as a record reliant on the individuality of each song, but as a sum of its part – as a model (and defense) of the genre.



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In the back of the album booklet is a section devoted to the recognition of the guest appearances on the record. Usually, this part of the booklet is brief. However, the list for *IDOTG* was astounding, full of the most familiar names in music, such as Haley Williams (Paramore), Gerard Way (My Chemical Romance) and Kenny Vassoli (The Starting Line). I doubt that marketing is the reason for the grand amount of guests on the record. Instead, Say Anything is doing its best to defend a genre that is often criticized for lack of innovation by incorporating artists from the bands who define the genre. By doing so, Say Anything is taking a step back and saying, "Hey, this is who we are, like it or not."

Regardless of intent or vision, Say Anything has succeeded in making an album that is both original and enjoyable, a thought-provoking piece that borrows from a multitude of influences (just look at their myspace page). Although the record sometimes seems less focused than the previous *...Is a Real Boy*, the instrumentation remains top-notch and Bemis's wavering voice is at its best. If anything, the creation of In Defense of The Genre hasn't started a war, but has stopped one, uniting all the warped tourites together at the pit not for a fist fight, but for a long-awaited unification.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to LOST and the Office, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Armor For Sleep faces reality on *Smile For Them*

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Photo from mog.com

Sleepwalking, dream-worlds and the afterlife were themes behind Armor For Sleep's first two records. Lead vocalist and primary songwriter Ben Jorgensen has turned his attention to real-life issues on the band's new album *Smile For Them*.

I have been anticipating this release for months, expecting another thought-provoking concept album like the first two releases. While *Smile For Them* may not have a clear concept throughout, the lyrics are compelling, and the instrumentation shows many signs of growth.

The album's opener, "Smile For the Camera," hints at a theme similar to that of *The Truman Show* - a person's entire life has been spent in a television studio. This is the ultimate "reality show," because the star character has no idea that his life has been scripted.

The song deals with the question of what would happen if the star somehow discovered that his every move was being filmed. Ultimately, the star should continue acting as he did before: "Put on a show for the viewers back home/Hide the truth so they'll never know/So smile for the cameras that keep rolling."

The album's first single, "Williamsburg," makes a statement against the stereotypes of a New York City lifestyle. Jorgensen attacks people who do things to fit in. He says that these people will never get anywhere in life. They will die without leaving the city: "At least you'll be used to/the place you'll be soon./ This city was the blueprint for Hell."

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The music in this track is filled with heavy, crunching power chords, with a simple but expressive lead accompaniment, complementing the biting tone of the lyrics.

Some tracks are similar to "A Quick Little Flight," an interlude composed of synthesizers and drum machines. The songs "Hold the Door," "My Saving Grace" and "Stand In the Spotlight" all use synthesized instruments to add to their dream-like sound.

"Snow Globe" is the shortest track on the album, yet says the most. The guitars are even more dream-like than in the previous tracks, but without accompanying synthesizers. The only percussion in the song is a march-style drum roll when the expressive distorted lead guitar plays in the middle of the song.

The lyrics are simply beautiful, speaking of philosophical questionings of reality: "I used to believe that no one else was alive, that all of the world was just a show inside my own mind."

"The End of the World" deals with apocalyptic imagery. Jorgenson says that if some type of disaster happens, like an atomic bomb being dropped on America, he will stay home and try to sleep instead of trying to survive: "This is all a dream, that's what I'll be singing."

The album has no concrete concept in its lyrics, but the instruments and vocal melodies in each song convey similar emotional depth. Each track is heavy with sadness and a slight amount of anger. But even with such negativity, there seems to be a sense of hope present in some of the songs.

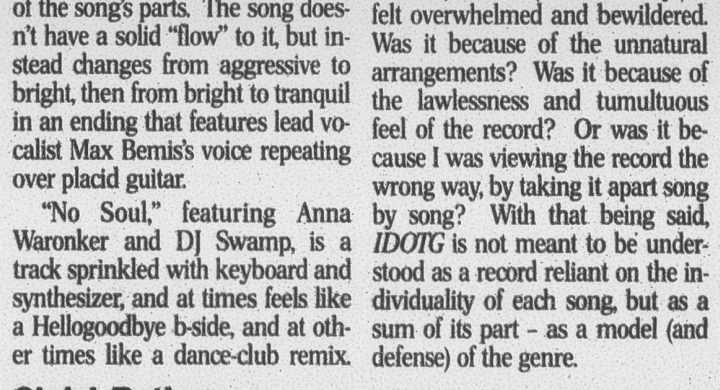
While the band members seem to have grown as musicians, there is something missing from this record that was present in their previous work. This lacking stems from the fact that this album is not centered around a storyline, but a much broader theme.

The album tends to speak negatively about reality. Apparently, Jorgenson feels that dreams are better than real life, and that each person should wear a façade to conceal his true self.

This is a solid album, but not nearly as captivating as *What To Do When You Are Dead*. Now that the band has tackled dream-life, the afterlife and real life, I am curious to see what issues it will focus on in its next album.

Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

A Midsummer Night's Circus



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Several other students are making large contributions, including senior Amber Scalfari, who designed the elaborate fairy costumes. Scalfari acts the role of Starveling in the play.

Sophomore PJ Thomas and junior Jamie Rae Spisak put in extensive work on props. They also act the parts of Lysander and Hippolyta, respectively. Junior Diana Peet, who performs as Cobweb, choreographed a dance for the fairies.

Students started rehearsing for the play about two weeks after school started, and spend roughly 12 hours practicing on a normal week. The intensive time will surely pay dividends when the show hits the stage.

The program will commence on Thursday, Nov. 8, in Beeghly Theater at 7:30 p.m., with shows continuing at the same time every night until Sunday, Nov. 11, which will feature a 2:30 p.m. matinee.

To reserve seats, call extension 7241, and leave a message with specifications. Each student may receive one free ticket to the show, while senior and additional student tickets cost $5. General admission tickets cost $7.

Tickets may be picked up during box office hours this week, or before the show. Unclaimed tickets will be released to the public 15 minutes before each show.

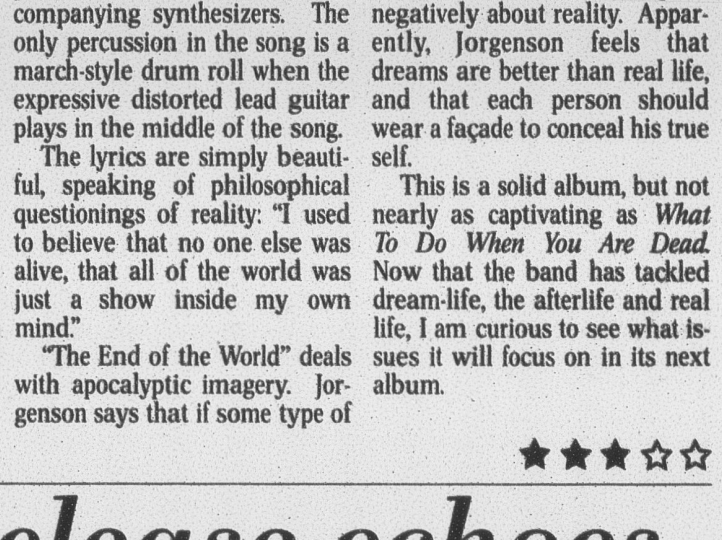
For additional information on Shakespeare's comedy, Dr. Andrew Ade will be hosting a dialogue at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 in Mueller Theater.

In *Staging Dreams: Viewing Variations on A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Dr. Ade will discuss the multiple interpretations of the play and how the play lends itself to different themes. His talk will be accompanied by slides with stage production photos.

Springsteen release echoes some of heydey's Magic

Regroup with E Street Band strong

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer



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Last hearing from them in 2002, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band are back for another album.

The record, entitled *Magic*, was released about a month ago, and it possibly could be one of his best. In *Magic*, Springsteen has an attitude like never before, and expresses it with powerful "in your face" lyrics and a band whose energy level is unlike any other.

After taking a hiatus from the E Street Band, Springsteen realized it was finally time to get back together with the band.

I have no idea why he left them at all, because the musicians are some of the best ones you'll find out there, including Roy Bittan on piano, Clarence "Big Man" Clemons on saxophone and Max Weinberg on drums.

Regardless, everything came together, and the album was recorded within eight weeks. In *Magic*, Springsteen's music is more powerful and catchier than ever before. It's like taking old hits from his classic album *Born To Run*, and adding more beef. Most of the tracks on this album feature a strong electric guitar carrying out the melody and sporadic saxophone solos from Clemons.

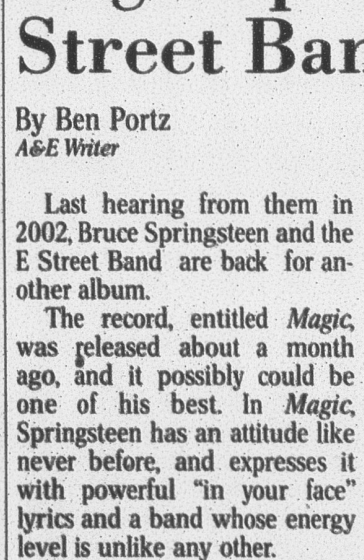
In 2002, Springsteen came out with an album entitled *The Rising* paying tribute to the sad occurrences of September 11. In *Magic*, it is still evident that his writing reflects upon those times, but also gives us a glimmer of hope.

His first single off the album called "Radio Nowhere" is a powerful song about how we communicate to each other though all of the noise and business of the world today. I'm betting that if anyone would know how the world is changing, it would be a musician who has been making music for over thirty years.

Aside from that, I feel that there is a subliminal message lying within the song saying that he is unhappy with the direction rock and roll is headed; however, I could be wrong.

He sings with such passion, and overall, he truly creates a legitimate message with the song. "Girls In Their Summer Clothes" about heartbreak and what it feels like once the one your love has left you.

He expresses this in saying "She went away, she cut me like a knife. Had a beautiful thing, maybe you just saved my life." No one could have said it better in my opinion.



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Another one of my favorites, probably one of the happier ones on the album, is entitled "I'll Work For Your Love." This song begins with Brittan's wonderful piano playing, which soon becomes a sound covered with a strong drum beat and electric guitars.

The chorus in this track is probably the catchiest one on the album, and it is echoed by a saxophone solo by Clemons.

Clemon's saxophone is one of the best attributes to the album. He has the ability to create a melancholy mood, or a pure rock and roll mood. Also, despite being 58 years of age, "The Boss'" vocals are still great.

He sounds as if he could do this at least for another ten years and still sound good. That probably won't happen, but it is nice to hope.

Overall, this album is one that everyone should have. Even if you are not a Bruce fan, the emotion and power of the songs are undeniable.

It is surprising to me that time after time, he continues to not "miss a beat" with the music world. Since the early 70's, he has processed a sound that will be unforgettable but not overdone. As far as songwriting goes, he is the pinnacle.

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Arts & Entertainment

Black & White shows shades of gray

By Joel Montgomery
Campus Writer

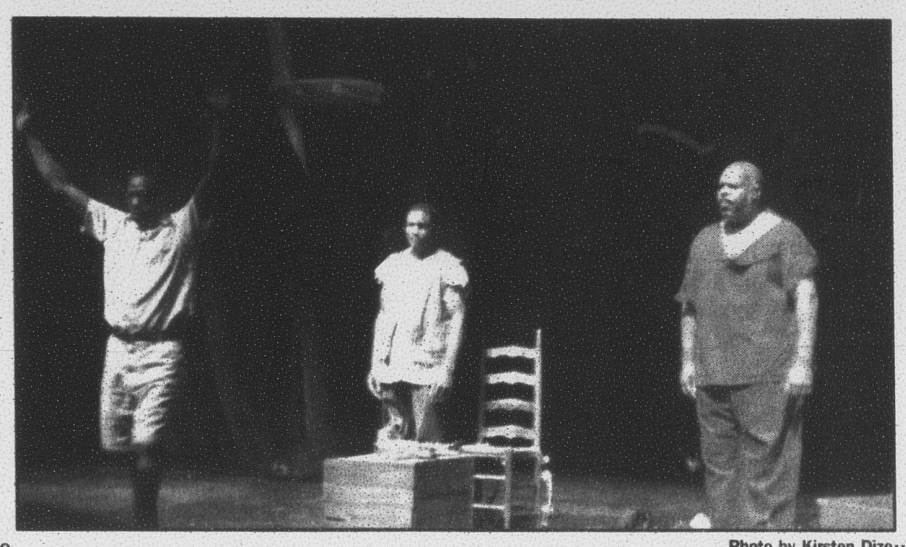
On Nov. 3, Beeghly Theatre hosted the Black & White one-act play festival, featuring four plays that focused on blurring the bounds between black and white theater.

The festival, sponsored by the Inquiry Program, *Scrawl*, the Office of Diversity Services and the Diversity Symposium, featured plays written by English professor Dr. Andrew Ade and alumnus F.J. Hartland, as well as a play directed by John Gresh, a former professor.

White playwrights' plays had black directors, while plays written by black playwrights were directed by white directors.

Mr. Ding-Dong Daddy, written by Jamal Williams and directed by John Gresh, is about Andrea, a cultured woman confronting her mother's "simple" lover, Tony, who meets different women each day of the week. Andrea begins to realize that her conceptions about Tony are mistaken as he slowly works his charms on her.

1892 / 1982: Two Steel Stories, written by Lynne Conner and directed by Ron Black, features J.J., a black steel-worker from 1982 who has just been laid off. He suddenly meets Andrew Carnegie, who through the power of drama, is transported from out of his office in 1892 just before he responds to a difficult worker situation at the Homestead mill.



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Actors in Dr. Ade's play, *A Question of Taste*, take another bow during a standing ovation Saturday evening. From left, Lonzo Green, Joshua Elijah Reese and Benjamin Blakey. The play was directed by Jeannine Foster-McKelvia.

Both characters challenge stereotypes from opposing sides of the racial debate, eventually coming to the realization that they have much in common with each other.

In *Cake Without Frosting*, written by F.J. Hartland and directed by Joseph Martinez, Elizabeth, who is celebrating her thirtieth birthday, is paid a surprise visit by her sister, Eve. Hartland's play depicts a sibling rivalry made only more bitter by the death of their mother. When Eve gives her sister a surprise birthday gift, the sisters are thrown into further conflict, where they eventually realize that even though you don't have to like your family, you will always love them.

The final play of the night was Andrew Ade's *A Question of Taste*, directed by Jeannine Foster McKelvia. Set in an African prison, a young rebel is thrown into the cell of the leader of his liberation movement. The rebel soon learns that "The Hope," as their legends name him, is not what he thought.

Ade's play particularly addresses the issue that ideals and reality are often two very different things. With an unexpected twist and a poignant ending, *A Question of Taste* received a standing ovation when the performance had ended.

The Black & White Festival is currently in its fifth year, but according to Artistic Director Mark Clayton Southers, this is the first time that the festival has actually gone on the road. Performers from Southers' Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company wowed an audience of 130 in Beeghly Theater.

Southers, in his introduction of the festival, explained that he started the PPTCO because he made an observation about the differences between black theater and white theater, particularly in audience attendance.

He realized that theater is not racially imbalanced, but that people go to see shows that appeal to them. In an attempt to serve mixed audiences, Southers decided to start his own theater company that would do one acts, combining black plays and white plays together.

"We wanted to get people working together," Southers said.

Hillary not shown "in charge" in Bernstein book

A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton, by Carl Bernstein

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

In honor of Mock Convention, I picked up *A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton* by Carl Bernstein.

I found Hillary's life portrayed in a light I would have never expected. More than I wanted to know about things I don't believe are that important to know about her, page after page was filled with explanations of problems that she had with Bill Clinton. I had no idea what this really had to do with her being "in charge" as there was much less written about her as a leader.

Most comments from others remarked her days as a Wellesley undergrad and always seeming to lead other girls although she did not really fit in with most of them. Even as she continued her education at Yale, she always held leadership roles. That would be a woman in charge but the book does not center on that type of information as much as it should.

Hillary just wants to continue stepping out of her role as a female Wellesley graduate of her time; not only does she want to be the wife of a great man, but to be great herself.

An interesting chance was offered to both Bill and Hillary after their time at Yale. Bill turned it down for the chance to be a member of Congress but Hillary jumping to be a member of the committee to impeach President Nixon.

This move projected her into other circles and allowed her to no longer be known only as the girlfriend of Bill Clinton, especially afterward going on to teach in Fayetteville, Ark., where Bill also taught. She became more known for her experience with the trial.

A friend of theirs Betsey Wright paraphrased Bill's perspective as,

"Hillary is a very important person to me, and she is one of the most incredible people I've ever known. And, hey isn't this girl falling over me cute?"

As a "woman in charge", it seems she could barely impact what her husband would do. Yes, she could be in charge of a political campaign but was she really in charge of the things happening to her?

Reading this book only brought up further questions and made me seriously reonsider about how I feel about the possibility of having this woman as the first female president.

She can take charge and she knows exactly what goes on in the political realm, but I believe I want something more out of it. Perhaps I just want the best role model possible for other young girls who aspire to become president.

This race for president is a very special one. It is definitely full of possibilities of firsts, which is good because that means we're breaking down barriers that previously existed.

More important than this book, when you are deciding who should be the next candidate, you opinion should be based on their morals and values and how closely aligned they are with yours.

As you are selecting one of the candidates from Mock Convention this week, focus more on where they stand politically. It has been drilled into us that we should always pick the best person for the job-maybe that is what we should do and not focus so much on their personal life.

While that is what the media will focus on, their choices of legislation are more based on their political stances than their values.

TV recaps

The Office: World War Mifflin

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Another installment of *The Office*, another thirty minutes of awkward comedy.

In the funniest episode of season four, entitled "Branch Wars," we find out that Karen is the new Regional Manager of Dunder-Mifflin-Utica and that she is trying to "poach" Stanley from Scranton.

"It turns out it's a pretty easy gig when your boss isn't an idiot and your boyfriend isn't in love with someone else," Karen said of her new job.

Although she stands by her claim that she just wants Stanley because of his sales record, Michael is sure she is getting back at Jim because he dumped her.

"I don't know how George Bush did it when Colin Powell left," Michael said in reflection of Stanley's decision to leave.

However, Michael cannot just sit idly by and watch "the hilarious black guy" leave the office, so he and Dwight fool Jim into going on a secret mission to Utica to get back at Karen.

Dressed up as warehouse workers, the "panty raid" involves silly string, gasoline bombs, and an incident with the gigantic industrial copier. Jim reflects, "This is the dumbest thing we've ever done."

Meanwhile, back in Scranton, "the finer things club" which is an exclusive members-only club made up of Oscar, Pam, and (of course) the bumbling Toby, meets weekly to talk about novels and classical music over a light lunch of finger foods.

Andy, who is still looking for acceptance, feebly attempts to join the club, but is denied membership because the club is "exclusive."

Surprisingly, he takes it well and doesn't attempt to start his own club, mainly because he still has to the party-planning committee and Kevin's band to fall back on.

I won't say if Michael, Dwight, and Jim's trip to Utica ends in success or failure, but I will say that it does involve a completely awkward situation between Jim and Karen. With that being said, it doesn't look like they will be getting back together anytime soon.

And about the love triangle of Dwight, Andy, and Angela? Unfortunately, the issue was not addressed in this episode which did not show hide nor hair of Angela.

Can we expect more development on this next week, or will the producers continue to put this issue on the back burner? Your guess is as good as mine.

Tune in at 9 p.m. tomorrow for the next installment of *The Office*, entitled "Survivorman," which involves Michael planning his own outdoor excursion in spite of Ryan's corporate wilderness retreat, to which he was not invited.

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Grey's doctors, patients go hardcore

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Another great installment of *Grey's Anatomy* aired last Thursday, Nov. 1 at 9 p.m. on ABC. The episode began with Meredith telling Christina about the problems she is currently facing and how she can't sleep much due to disturbing dreams.

Christina's assessment of Meredith shows that the root of her problems stems from the fact that she is still in love with Derek and needs to do something. The situation is rough, because Derek is ready to move on and date other people since Meredith is showing no interest in "growing up" and settling down with him.

The theme of this episode is geared toward being "hardcore." And we see many instances throughout the episode that show how the doctors and some patients are being just that.

A sky diver is treated at the hospital after falling 12,000 feet with a defective parachute and surviving with only a few scratches. That's pretty hardcore…and ridiculous.

A video camera on the diver's head showed that as he was falling, he confessed his love to his sky diving instructor. Meredith relates this situation to how she missed her chance to show Derek her true feelings on the day he saved her life when she almost drowned.

This is not the first time Meredith has realized that she is messing up her chances with Derek, but I think she is finally coming to the realization that it is time she does something.

It seems that Dr. Grey is starting to "grow up," and she begins showing intentions of taking her relationship with Derek past just the "break-up sex," which has been going on for a long time now.

She tells the sky diver to learn a lesson from his near-death experience and not to take life for granted by telling his instructor how he really feels about her. Later in the episode, Meredith relives her own near death experience with Derek after another one of their "break up sex" adventures.

Again she is showing signs of wanting to be with Derek, but it seems that he is not aware. Meredith needs to let him know how she feels before it is too late and she misses her chance with him once again.

George is starting to feel the wrath of his ex-wife when she tells Dr. Sloan (George's resident doctor) to make George do all the non-medical related intern jobs. His first task is to keep a wedding dress that two women have been holding onto in order to win a $100,000 dream wedding package.

George becomes the mediator of the contest in order for the girls to be treated for their injuries, which they had given to each other. These two "hardcore" girls had been holding onto the dress for more than two days and showed no signs of letting go.

During one of the operations to fix one girl's badly dislocated shoulder, the chief tells George that one of Dr. Sloan's interns has been getting hazed. George is the hardcore figure here in that he does not buckle under the "hazing" instances and keeps on trucking.

Izzie is clearly the dominant hardcore character in this episode in the sense that she is finally back to her old self after the love of her life passed away at the end of the second season.

I think she has a lot of potential to become one of the best new doctors on the show. She continues to work under Dr. Hahn instead of Christina and plays a very important role in the success of a six-hour open heart surgery, on an alert patient.

If it wasn't for Izzie, the patient would have gone into shock and caused himself to bleed to death. She is becoming stronger than Christina, and proves that being a great doctor is more than just having medical smarts; being compassionate and thinking outside the box plays a role as well. Basically, she gives patients hope and a reason to live.

I am interested to see what will become of Derek and Meredith and hoping that Meredith uses the last chance she has to get what she really wants. I would also like to see Alex break his ties with the girl he is waiting for and start seeing Lexi who he turned down at the end of this episode.

And when will George and Izzie take their relationship to the next level? Tune in tomorrow night at 9 p.m. on ABC for another episode.

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Features

"Everbody Makes Mistakes"

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

The Disney Channel is a wonderful thing. Most college students have watched this channel, and those who have not have seen a Disney movie.

People have differing opinions on the Disney enterprise. For some it makes them sick with their fairy tale endings and perfect reconciliations. However, for most, it is an ideal form of entertainment.

Why are so many people attracted to the idea of Disney? After talking to a friend this week, I have come to a conclusion. Disney is not selling a product, or movies, or their amusement parks. They are selling a feeing. They are in fact selling magic. The perfect concoction of pixie dust, happiness stars, and the perfect childhood. To enter Peter Pan's Neverland and never grow up, is to enter the World of Disney.

It is no big secret to anyone who knows me that I am in love with Disney. When I watch movies, they are Disney. I watch the Disney Channel, and I would live in Magic Kingdom if I thought they would let me. Go Disney!

However, the Disney I grew up with is not the Disney of today. Why? Kids are not livign in the same society as I did. Technology has changed. Lifestyles have changed. The Gummi Bears cartoons just do not hit it any more. We have entered a new era of Disney magic.

Children are now more aware of relationships, the Hollywood life, sex, drugs, the whole nine yards. To be honest, I must compliment stations like Disney for so elegantly adjusting their programs accordingly while still allowing children to remain children (or in this case to feel like 10 year-old college students).

The direct result of this is that persons of any age can watch their programming and take something from it. Their shows now involve "real people."

It seems for a long time television, especially for children, was trying to shape society, not reflect it. Television programs demanded perfection from children. It made it seem like it was unacceptable for children to mess up. If they made a mistake, it was horrible.

However, in this new era of Disney and many other stations, children are shown that mistakes are normal, that everyone makes them, and yes, they can be dealt with. There is not one perfect person in the world.

I think a lot of people in our generation are still caught up in old television. Making a mistake is shameful, and something to be hid. When we screw up we try to hide it at all costs, terrified of the consequences of admitting. I, myself, am one of these people. Most days I would rather throw myself off of Old Main rather than admit I messed up bad. Consequently, I spend most of my week letting it eat away at my emotions, so angry at myself that it ever happened. And I know I am not alone. The fact of the matter is, everybody makes mistakes.

In the words of Hannah Montana, one of Disney Channel's new pop sensation television stars, in her song, "Nobody's Perfect," :

"Everybody makes mistakes, /Everybody has those days, /Everybody knows what, I'm talking about, /Everybody gets that way /If I'm not doin' too well, /Why be so hard on myself? /Nobody's Perfect! /I gotta work it! /Again and again, /Till I get it right, /Nobody's Perfect! /You live and you learn it! /And if I messed it up sometimes, /Nobody's Perfect,"

Everyone messes up. Sometimes it is a lot of the time. Sometimes it is every once in a while. Regardless of how often it is, deal with it. It is not plausible to be perfect. We can strive for perfection and excellence, as we should.

The point is, no matter what you do, you are going to make a mistake sometime. Get out of your old television mindset, and jump into the new era of Disney magic. Live life, make mistakes, and deal with them in a fabulous fashion. This is the essence of Disney magic. (And who knows maybe you will get that fairy tale ending after all!)

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Westminster Tale, Part III

I took a step back and let the chill that had just hit me run through my spine. The only door that I had seen so far in this underground hallway led to a storage room for corpses. For a moment, I was tempted to go back into the basement and wait the few days until the weekend was over and the door was unlocked but I regained some composure and opted not to. Terrified, I stood there, frozen by my own fear, listening to the pounding of my own heart. Out of the silence, from behind the door, I heard a sound. Something sliding, the sloughing of something heavy and wet, followed by the crunch of dirt and pebbles beneath it as it approached the door. The sound held me, entranced, and my feet felt like lead.

The noise stopped. I waited, expecting to hear the sound resume any moment, but silence filled my ears. I remained where I was, finally hoping that it was gone, but before a sigh of relief could escape my lips another sound came from behind the door. It was a soft scratching, like metal nails grazing across wood. At the same time, a rank smell began to emanate from the door. When the odor hit me with its full force, I choked and had to step back. Tears burning in my eyes and my throat tight, I shone my flashlight at the base of the door. A clear, viscous liquid began to seep through the tiny crack between the door and the floor. The stench, too putrid to describe, overwhelmed me. My stomach clenched and bile rose in my throat, thick and bitter. Unable to stop it, the vomit spilt from my mouth onto the ground. With my stomach acid burning on my lips, I ran. Not back to the basement, but further into the dark complex hidden beneath Old Main.

I think I went insane then. I remember little besides the terror that gripped me as I fled, combined with the brief glimpses of my surroundings that the flashlight illuminated for short moments: cracked tiles that were stained by age and rot, wet dirt that had broken through the weakest parts of the wall and had spilled upon the ground, and rusted metal gurneys that looked like deformed, broken skeletons. I ran until my lungs burned and my blood boiled, then I ran some more. I know that at one point, I tripped over something. I hit the ground with a crash, feeling the filthy ground scrape up my arms. I started to pick myself up as emotion raged through my body. Anger, frustration, and terror manifested themselves in my voice, I screamed until my voice cracked and I collapsed on the floor. I think I was crying at this point too. I remember the gritty cold of the old tiles against my cheek. I picked myself up and began walking through the halls. I do not remember what I was thinking but I remember how mechanically I was moving, as though I was controlled by another. I passed other doors along my way, but I never tried to open them. Some of them had plaques like the mortuary, describing what was behind the door. Those labels, combined with the ancient gurneys and other rusted equipment lying around, helped me realize that I was in an abandoned hospital. From the neglect of the place and how corrupted everything was, I guessed that it had been here when Old Main was originally built and perhaps even used during the Civil War. The decay only worsened the deeper I traveled until whole sections of the wall had come avalanching in. There were times when I had to turn around and find another path, or else squeeze my way through the little space left from the spilt dirt. After many twists and turns, I saw a huge gap in the wall, but there was no cave-in here. Instead, only a cold breeze that quietly blew its way past me into the dark recesses of the halls. I approached this hole and found a cavern, deep and wide. Where the wall had fallen in, it had created a treacherous, though navigable path. The question was, do I continue through the hallways or should I delve deeper into the underground cavern?

Look for the next segment of Jared McConkey's story in the Nov. 28 edition of *The Holcad*

A no-bake Thanksgiving treat

Your loved ones will gobble up these turkey cookies

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

I sometimes wonder if a lack of cooking skills could possibly be influenced by childhood cooking traumas. The ones which occur when your mom has to leave for the weekend and your dad, who has only the smallest idea of how the toaster operates, is in charge of feeding the family. I'm thinking of episodes which involve oven fires and microwave explosions. The ones which cause you to end up at the fast food restaurant down the street. These are the fond memories which end with the unfortunate father encouraging you to tell your mother how great the weekend was, and maybe bribe you to forget about the consecutive meals of greasy French fries.

Cooking traumas or not, I still can't come within ten feet of the stove. I especially have a hard time cooking when my supplies have been raided by secret snackers. You know, the kind of people who find your favorite snacks, eat everything in the box except a few morsels, and then put the box back where they found it, hoping the bottom layer of crumbs they left behind will be enough to satiate you when you finally realize they've been stealing your food. I had that problem when I started making my treats for this week's article.

I made inquiries in my house as to the location of my vanilla wafers, which had mysteriously gone missing. Then I noticed the candy corn was completely gone. And my Fruit Roll-ups had vanished. I can't say they were actually eaten, because I have no proof and nobody will admit to having consumed them. That's another thing about secret snackers–they never admit to their munching misdeeds.

So apparently my ingredients disappeared. Or maybe some mold grew on the bottom of the packages, giving them enough life to creep away. With the holidays rapidly approaching, I might need to buy myself several feet of chicken wire or perhaps a locking mini fridge.

Now let me show you the kind of turkey I'm planning on making for Thanksgiving.

Perfect for gobbling over Thanksgiving break.

Turkey Cookies:

Difficulty Level: Requires a little more creativity than stuffing a real bird

Ingredients:

1 box of vanilla wafer cookies

1 can of vanilla icing

Food coloring

Candy corn

Black sprinkles

A couple of yellow Fruit Roll-ups

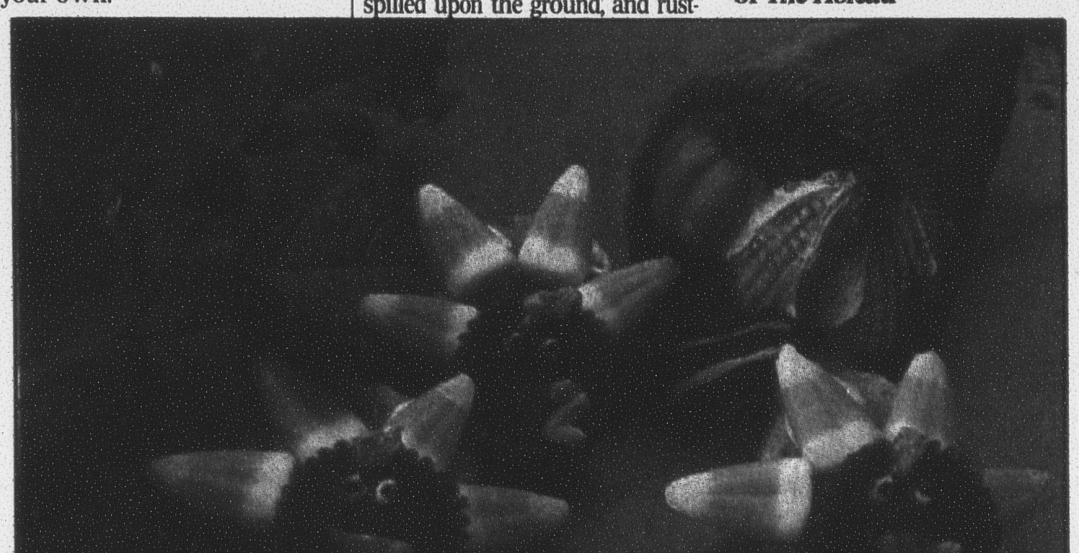
1 bag mini peanut butter cups

Spread some vanilla icing on the back of a peanut butter cup and attach it near the bottom of the flat side of a vanilla wafer. The peanut butter cup will be the turkey's face. Start at the sides of the turkey and stick candy corn (the tail feathers) all around the top of his head with the icing. Cut a triangle-shaped beak out of the yellow fruit roll-up and stick it to the front of the peanut butter cup (the face). Dip a couple of chocolate sprinkles in the icing and stick them to the face, as eyes. Mix some of the vanilla icing with red food coloring and give your turkey a wattle and a crest on his head. If you're feeling extra creative, cut out some feet from the Fruit Roll-ups and attach them to the bottom of the vanilla wafer.

Makes: About forty-five turkey cookies, or enough to feed the extended family that may visit on Thanksgiving

Cost: about $7.30

A Helpful Tip: Are you familiar with the Halloween idea that trick-or-treating college kids always look more dignified when they take along their younger siblings? The same idea applies to cooking treats like this–it's always cute to have a younger person on hand to make it look like you are avoiding stove cooking for their sake, and not your own.



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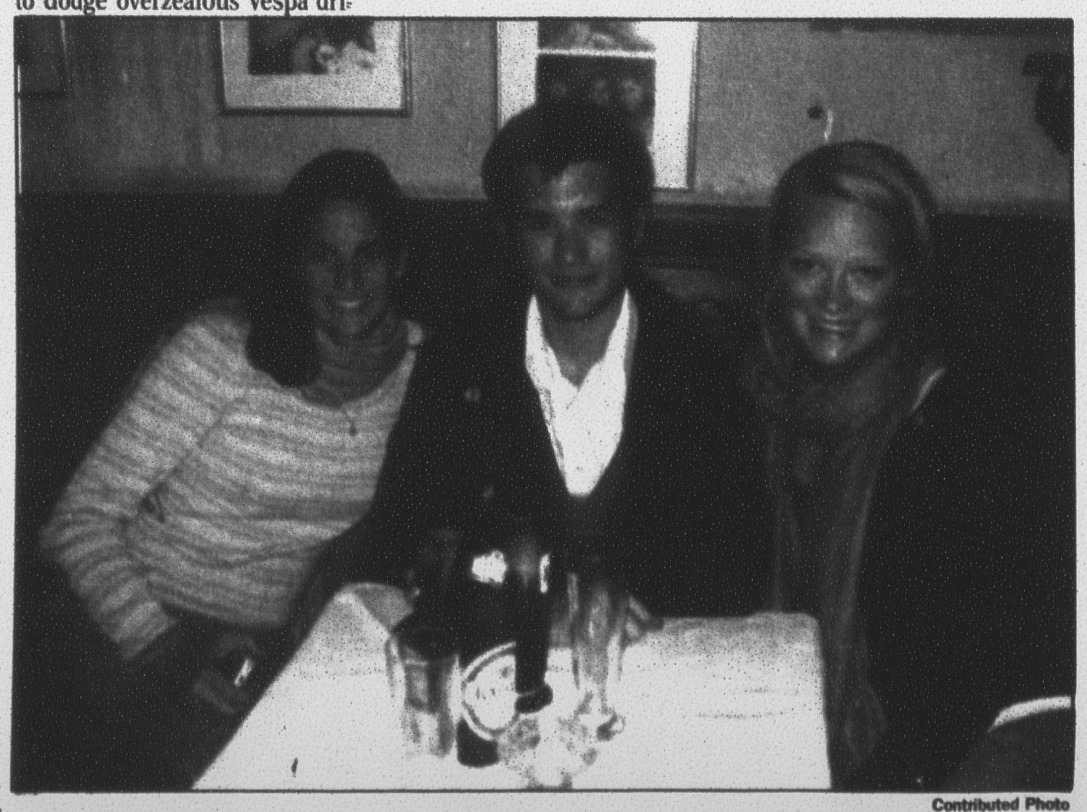
Students without borders: Thrilling Venice, part II

By Andrew Kubincanek
Features Writer

Coming from the streets of Rome, it was a refreshing change to visit a place where not only is one free from having to dodge overzealous Vespa drivers pretending to be part of a chase sequence, but past the train station (the ironically titled Piazzale Roma), there are no streets at all. In fact, the front of many Venetian houses consists of a door, 2 steps, and then 2 meters of murky water. The unfortunate consequence of this sometimes breathtaking and always interesting civic configuration is that Venice is an utter labyrinth. Even the locals need to read the signs. Maps are useless since most of the winding streets are too small to have their names printed out. The only real tactic is to move in a general direction and hope you don't hit a dead end or, more commonly, a side-canal with no bridge. My crew of 7 spent our 2 full days in Venice in roughly the same area – and by the end of the second were still finding ourselves moderately lost at times. All the same, the ordeal was far less annoying than it was part of the Venetian charm.



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The islands that make up Venice are, of course, not without their more recognizable charms. On the first day, we took a jostling ferry to watch a glass blower on the island of Murano. Just prior, we spent a good amount of time in massive enclosed square of Piazza San Marco feeding the massive flocks of the square's famous pigeons – I've got several shots of the girls covered in birds from one outstretched arm to the other. I also have no trouble admitting that I took the opportunity to reenact a scene from Casino Royale. As the day progressed we stumbled upon the grandiose Rialto Bridge – an arching network of shops and vendors, curving sharply up to straddle the Grand Canal.

Naturally, to finish off the night, we piled into a gondola for a slow ride through the canals. We paid 20 euros each for a 40 minute ride that traversed several back alley canals, under the Bridge of Sighs connecting the Doge's Palace (now one of the most phenomenal museums I've visited) and the old Venetian jail, past Marco Polo's House and out in the Grand Canal. The girls were quite devastated when our Gondalier, though very jovial, wouldn't sing. The Colombian and the Spainard, Camila and Elena, made a few abortive attempts at Sinatra then finally coaxed me into leading our mismatched ensemble. After a few snippets of Sinatra, Dino, the Beatles, and Eagles et al, I finally roused everyone into a rendition of Don't Stop Believing by Journey. It wasn't the most appropriate song for the setting and the English-speaking tourists on the myriad overlooking bridges were probably confused but it was indeed and enjoyable end to the evening.

In Venice the closest thing to a night life is Harry's Bar, serving their farhous peach Bellini's for 15 euros a glass. Finding my crew hesitant to join me in such a venture, we instead chose to spend the second evening sitting on the cement bank of a side-canal with a few bottles of wine and gelato. We caught the last bus back to the hostel at 10:30 and despite my hope that we would be retiring for the evening, proceeded to the hostel bar. For the rest of the evening we were treated to the periodic howl of drunken, rugby-watching Australian calling out the door for "Gary" who, as far as I can tell, did not, does not, and never will exist.

The biggest problem with Venice is that it suffers from the same cancer as many other prominent, romantic cities – lots and lots of tourists. It's tough to really enjoy the flavor when there are more people speaking English than Italian. Nevertheless, if I had the opportunity I think I would return to Venice, particularly at carnival, although, I can't decide if the magic would be excited or depressed under a swell of gawking amateur photographers. Regardless of the occupants, permanent or not, the city itself has enough mystique to still captivate.

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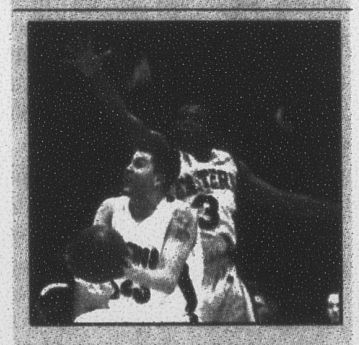

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Beaded jewelry saves lives

BeadforLife representative speaks at Peace Studies Coffee House

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

Heather Ditillo spoke to students during the Thursday, Nov. 15 Peace Studies Coffee House.

Ditillo is from Belleview, Penn. and is a representative from BeadforLife, an organization that aims to eradicate "extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished Africans and concerned world citizens."

In her presentation, Ditillo explained the organization and situation in Uganda. She also showed a video that had testimonials of members from the organization.

BeadforLife was created by Devin Hibbird, Ginny Jordan and Torkin Wakefield in 2004. According to Ditillo, the three women wanted to "find a way for people to generate money." It is located in Kabala, Uganda.

Ditillo became involved with the organization after a recent trip to Uganda with her sister. She explained that the trip was life changing.

During her presentation, Ditillo continually reminded everyone that the Ugandan people working in the program are poor in money only and that they are richer in community and family than the United States.

BeadforLife membership lasts for 27 months. There are 350 members. Of the 350 members, only five are men. They represent sixteen tribes and multiple faiths.

Using discarded newspaper and magazine, the members create gorgeous beads. They use the brightly colored beads to make necklaces, bracelets, and other jewelry.

Following the presentation, those in attendance were able to purchase jewelry made by BeadforLife workers in Uganda.

Working for BeadforLife improves the living conditions of the members. Many members go from earning less that $1 per day to $4 per day.

However, the increase in salary is not the only improvement in the women's lives. From the money they earn making beads, the women are able to send their children to school, place money in the bank, and increase food intake.

Additionally, over half of the BeadforLife members started business from the money they earned.

With their newfound successes, the members have an increased sense of pride and accomplishment.

"It was inspiring to see how dedicated these women are to improving the lives of their families," senior Marissa Shetler said.

BeadforLife also helps members with health services and education, vocational and educational training and sustainable life skills.

BeadforLife is currently building a village outside of Kampala for 120 impoverished Ugandan families. The organization is teaming with Habitat for Humanity to build the village.

The village is also an experiment because it is the first time that many of the tribes will live together.

Ditillo explained many ways that we can help the people in Uganda. Some ways include: educating people about AIDS, sponsoring a student, buying Fair Trade, voting, empowering women, working to improve the quality of international aid and making generic drugs available to the poor.

Anyone can help through the BeadforLife program by hosting a bead party or purchasing beads. Beads are available for purchase on the organization's website.

"All they need is opportunity," Ditillo told the people gathered.

She also relayed a request given to her by one of the young children she met while in Uganda.

"Do not forget," she urged.

Anyone interested in learning more about BeadforLife can visit their website at http://www.beadforlife.org. The video that Ditillo showed is available on youtube.com by searching for beadforlife.

Photo by Kirsten Dize

Students and other attendees browse through the items made by BeadforLife workers in Uganda. Heather Ditillo, representative for the organization, spoke at the recent Peace Studies Coffee House.

Green Party hosts speakers at campus conference

Five speakers present ecological issues based on their organizations' values

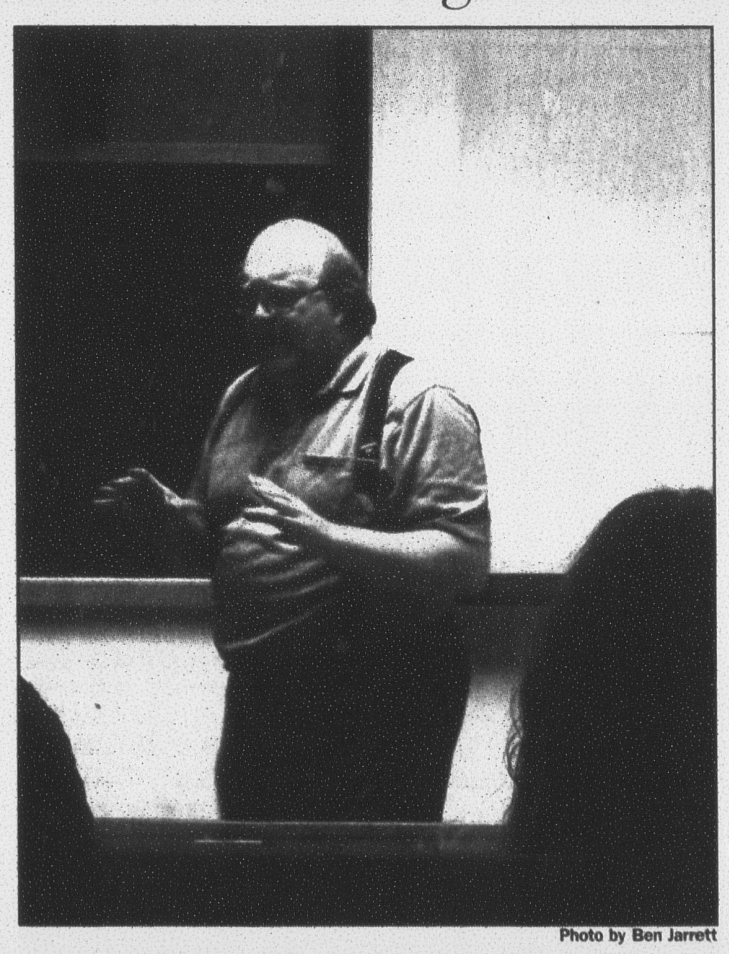

Photo by Ben Jarrett

Five speakers presented at the recent conference held on campus by the Green Pary on Saturday, Nov. 17.

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

The Green Party hosted speakers here on campus, Saturday, Nov. 17, presenting issues about their values as an organization.

Starting at noon the conferences were held until 3:00 p.m. in Hoyt Science Center, including a time where refreshments were provided along with a discussion period.

"It's pretty exciting to have all of these great speakers here on campus," senior Ben Knauff said. "This is the type of event that the whole campus should attend, regardless of your opinions."

The featured speakers were Ed Bortz, Tom Bailey and Tom Ljungman, Skip Mendler, and Rebecca Rotzler.

Bortz focused on the topic of "Conscientious Objection and Selective Service"; Bailey and Ljungman spoke on "Burning Waste Vegetable Oil in Diesel Autos"; Mendler discussed "Ballots, Bullets, and Bagatelles"; and Rotzler presented on her position as co-chair of the Green Party.

Roztler was the main featured speaker at the conference. She is a co-chair of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) and served as Deputy Mayor of the Village of New Paltz, NY from June 2003 to June 2007. Roztler held the position of the government representative to the New Paltz Central Schools District-wide Committee. She is also a GPUS National Committee representative for New York and even served as one of the co-chairs of the GPUS Peace Action Committee.

"It is great to have such a speaker here on campus, I was fortunate enough to have the help of other Green Party contacts to get these speakers for our conference," Marissa Danney, president of the Green Party, said.

The Green Party originally formed here on campus in the spring semester of 2002 and follows the ten key values of the Green Party of the United States. These values are grassroots democracy, social justice, ecological wisdom, nonviolence, decentralization, community-based economics, feminism and gender equity, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility and future focus.

All of the speakers incorporated these ten values into their speeches educating the campus community further on the Green Party and its ideals.

"I think that it's a wonderful way for the campus to become aware about issues that are being discussed in America and the world," senior Ann Ebhojiaye said. "Westminster students will have to face these issues when they leave college, and this is a way for them to be prepared to discuss and act on these issues, because they have a responsibility as American citizens."

For further questions and interest contact the president of the Green Party, Marissa Danney.

YPS program to hold Alternative Gift Market

By Staci McGill
Staff Writer

Every year an Alternative Gift Market is sponsored by the YPS as an outreach and educational project. The Market represents existing projects serving the global community; these projects are researched by the Alternative Gifts International (AGI) as to their feasibility.

The Market is held in the Atrium of McKelvey Campus Center and has been expanded over two days. It will be open on Wednesday, December 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"There are so many interesting gifts that it is hard for me to choose what to buy," sophomore Sammi Jo Youkers said. "Although the Market doesn't support my spending habits, it does support other countries."

This year the Sierra Student Coalition, The Newman Club, Habitat for Humanity, Amnesty International, Shoulder-to-Shoulder Pittsburgh and the Kenya Children's Project will join YPS in offering such life-giving gifts as alternatives to material gifts for those of us who can afford what they need and want. Students will staff the entire two-day Market.

The Market also welcomes Wendy Farmerie, and her products from The Silk Road, a store in New Wilmington that offers global items that support businesses dedicated to fair trade.

"This is a great chance for students to show that they care about the environment and globalization," said sophomore Gary Hanssen.

Some of the projects students will be "selling" will be Solar Entrepeneurs (Kenya), Children with Cancer (Tanzania & East Africa), Green Justice (Haiti), and Soothe Their Hunger Pangs (USA).

AGI is a nonprofit, interfaith agency, which provides education about global needs and raises funds through its Markets. Designated grants are then sent to establish international projects for relief and development. The mission of AGI is to send authentic, life-giving gifts to a needy world.

Photo by Mandie Zoller

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity participates in philanthropic events
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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Thanksgiving was delicious!

Go...catch a chicken.

Monopoly can turn vicious.

Campus tree lighting tonight!!

Yes - I HAVE seen The Matrix.

We are not a codfish.

He's my friend even though he likes the Cowboys.

Pocket Starbursts are my favorite.

My poor Spanish dancing squatter.

This just in: the TUB workers are still amazing!

I lost a good friend. His name is Motivation.

Did you know that "si" is a French word too?

Well she didn't have a boyfriend, but now she does.

I miss the luces de Sevilla.

You know what? Political correctness offends me.

Son of a NUTCRACKER!!

Everyone I know is getting married.

Creepy faces in the mirror - dun dun dunnn...

Apparently there's a WC Umbrella Cult.

My boyfriend likes to break his head.

Let's waterski over this poem, shall we?

I'm a Newman Club Jeopardy Champ. Yesss.

I am never sacked. Neither am I a Maypole.

Wehadababyit'saboy.

Wait for it.....FOPWOP.

Who will the next WC president be? Hmm...

Almighty Fork of Doooooom!

How many days 'til Christmas break??

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

Let's Talk About: Responsibility

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

What usually happens when someone doesn't show up for work a few times in a row? They lose their job. Apparently, though, this is not the case for all Westminster work study employees.

One of my friends and I get up early most mornings to utilize the Marge Walker Fitness Center's new hours. Unfortunately, though, on many mornings there is not a desk sitter present, making it impossible to work out. Sometimes the door is unlocked and we workout anyways.

Since there isn't a supervisor there, though, the desk sitters still get paid. This doesn't make sense to me.

I am ineligible for work study, so in addition to my job at the Holcad, I work at the Grove City Outlets. If I don't come to work on time everyday, I will get fired. And understandably so.

I know it stinks to have to wake up early; I'm not a huge fan of it, myself. But at least the desk sitters are getting paid to do it.

They're also getting paid to sit there and do their homework or watch TV. How many people would kill to have a job that easy?

I'm not sure about the rest of work study jobs, but I'm pretty sure students who don't show up don't get paid. For example, those who work at the information desk in McKelvey fill out time sheets. Library workers and office assistants have supervisors who know if the worker is not there. Work for the Holcad? If you don't turn in your articles on time, you don't get paid for them.

Our professors hold up their end of the deal for their jobs, too. If they don't come to class multiple times, they'll probably get fired as soon as the Dean finds out. At the very least, they won't get tenure when they're up for it.

It's all about accountability vs. responsibility. If no one is holding you accountable to do your job, it's your responsibility to yourself and everyone else to do it anyways.

So do the responsible thing and go to work when you're supposed to. You get paid to be there, not to sleep in your room.

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The Weekly Glop: Academics

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Gloppér

I have stated in past columns that I believe Westminster needs to make academia its primary focus. As a liberal arts college we pride ourselves on giving a well rounded education that will help students to excel in the workplace due to their eclectic academic background.

I do think however that it will be difficult for students to receive this well-rounded education when teachers are retiring and then subsequently not being replaced by the administration of the college.

To my knowledge there are four professors that are retiring this year; I however only wish to focus on two of them. These two professors are Dr. McCarthy of the biology department and Dr. Hickman of the mathematics and computer science department.

These professors that are retiring have worked years to make sure that their students have received the education needed to excel in their fields. They are also very well liked in their departments for exemplifying what it means for a professor to have a personal relationship with students. They have earned their retirement.

Since they are both retiring then there are obviously job openings in the departments, but these positions are not being filled. With the current professors already teaching the maximum classes allowed on their workload and professors retiring, how is it that the school is getting away with not hiring replacements?

I have been informed that the reason that Dr. Hickman's position is not being filled is because the incoming freshmen class in the math department is not very large. This almost seems reasonable, but there are two reasons that this argument seems like a cop out to me.

First of all, with the amount of classes that are required for a math major to graduate, it is already tight even without the freshmen class thrown into the equation. Some classes are only able to be offered once every two years already, even with Dr. Hickman's presence in the department.

Those administrators who used this reasoning obviously didn't take into account that the mathematics and CS professors also have to teach all of the QR IP's in the department as well. So the amount of incoming math majors is irrelevant.

The second reason why this explanation doesn't make sense is because if this were true, then the contrapositive would have to be true. So if they are not replacing him because the incoming class is not very large, then if the freshmen class is large, they would replace him. Well they are not fulfilling this rule either.

The incoming freshmen class in the biology department is the largest incoming freshmen class this year with 45 students. They actually have more incoming majors than elementary education at 43, which is unheard of.

So the logic follows that the position left open by Dr. McCarthy retiring should be filled, but this is not the case.

There are many departments that suffer because there are not enough professors to teach the classes that they need to ensure the students learn all that they need to graduate, and are given the opportunity to take certain classes more than once every two years.

Students are being forced to take classes that they may not be ready for as sophomores. The next time it is offered is when they will be student teaching as seniors. This isn't the professors' or departments' fault; they simply don't have the resources to offer it more because of the lack of professors on staff. Not filling positions of retiring professors will only amplify this problem.

I guess another reason that the administrators who decided not to hire new professors could have had finances in mind as well. Perhaps the school cannot afford to hire new professors.

I guess I should have taken this into account earlier, but for some reason the 1.5 million dollar football field keeps coming to mind.

Anthony Colwell is a mathematics and philosophy double major. He is also constantly in search for the secret of the ooze.

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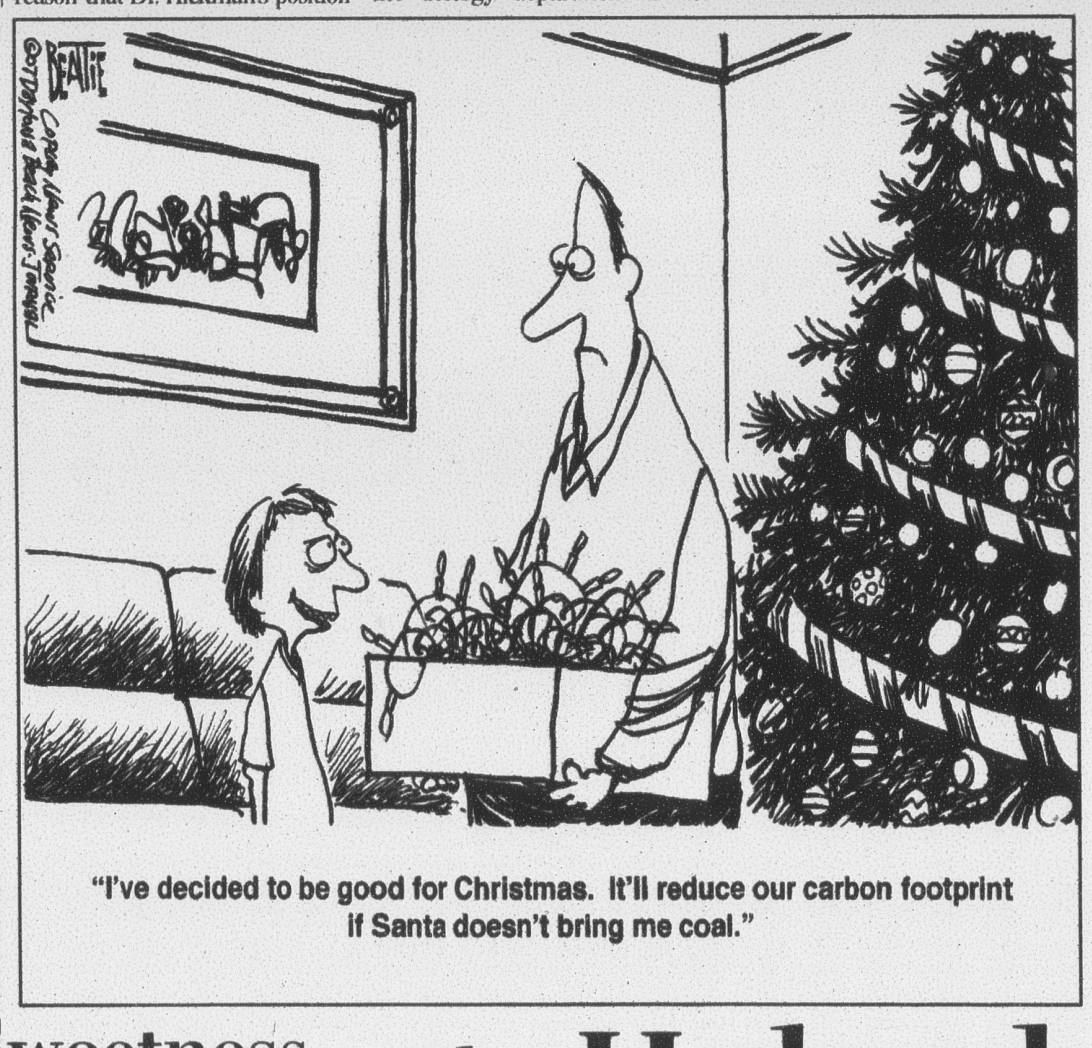

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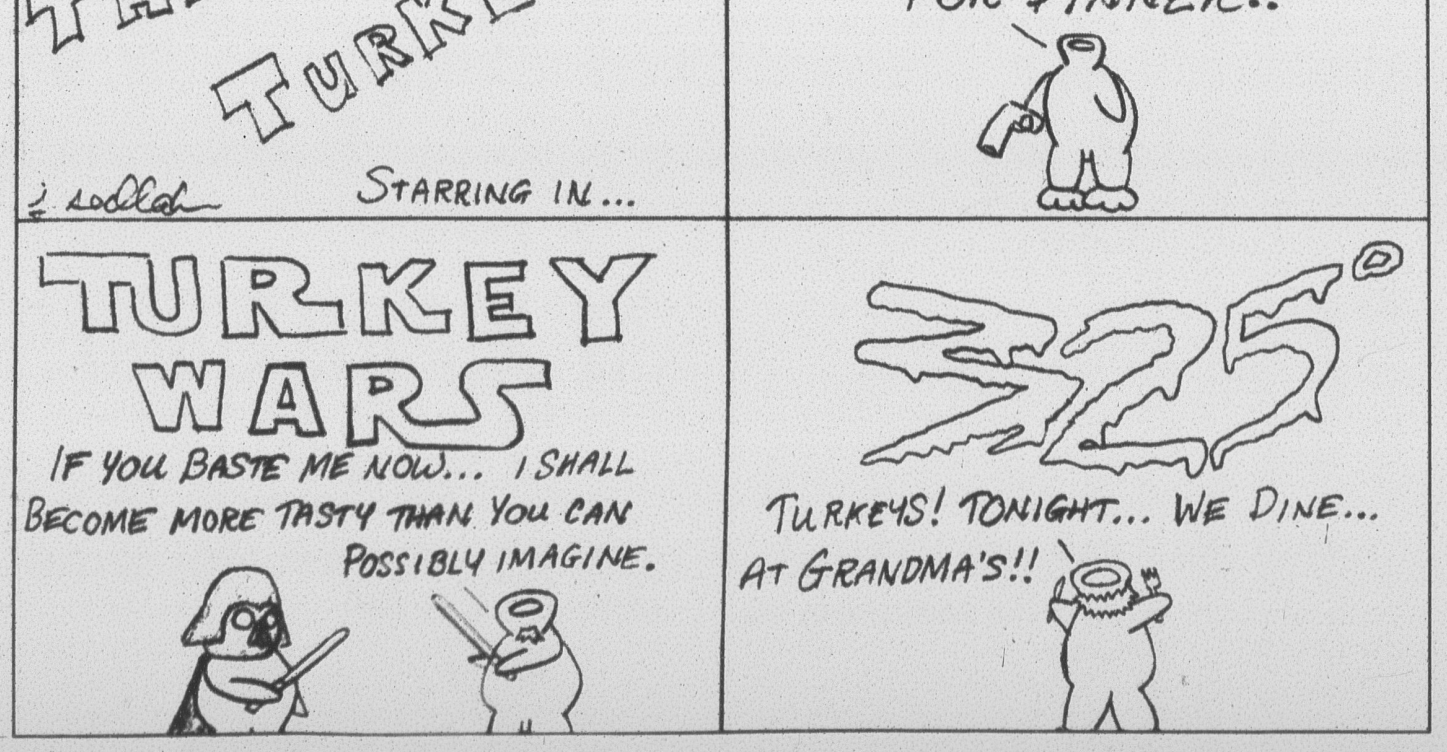
The Superfantastic Comic of Sweetness



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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Baited traps fail to catch pit bulls in Cumru Township

READING, Pa. (AP) - Authorities say baited traps in Cumru Township have failed to snare four pit bulls who confronted police and a resident.

Township police say that the dogs chased a teenage boy into his family's house on Saturday evening. They say one of the animals lunged at Sergeant David Hain, who shot the animal in the shoulder. The dogs then ran off into the woods.

Police say they didn't get any calls about the dogs on Sunday.

Harry Brown III of the Animal Rescue League of Berks County says the animals are extremely aggressive and should not be approached. But he says they may all belong to the same owner and may have been retrieved -- which would explain why there has been no sign of them.

Historic letters, documents to be unveiled

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Several important letters and papers are to be unveiled at an open house in Philadelphia.

Among the documents is a personal letter from Benjamin Franklin, written from Philadelphia in July 1776. Other letters are from George Washington and John Adams.

But Nathan Raab of the Raab Collection says the most important document is from John Brown, who crossed the Mason Dixon line before the Civil War and forcibly freed slaves.

It's his last will and testament, signed the morning that he was hanged.

Raab says Brown's "name and his cause became a rallying point for people who were opposed to slavery." Raab says it's "truly a remarkable document."

The document unveiling will take place on Thursday at The Raab Collection offices in Philadelphia.

Police search for murderer who escaped from SCI-Albion

ALBION, Pa. (AP) - State police and prison officials are searching for a convicted murderer who has escaped from the State Correctional Institution at Albion.

Authorities say 53-year-old Malcolm Kysor of Erie was discovered missing Sunday when guards did a routine count of inmates.

Kysor is serving a life sentence for an April 1988 murder in Erie County. He was moved to the prison in Albion in April.

Authorities say the prison was locked down after the escape.

Kysor is described as a white man- 5-foot-8 and 160 pounds. He has brown hair and eyes and several tattoos, including a devil, heart and snake on his chest.

Fire believed accidental destroys Jehovah's Witnesses church

RED LION, Pa. (AP) -Authorities say a fire that destroyed the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Red Lion appears to have been accidental.

Church elder Ray Strong says a member reported the fire just after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, about an hour before the morning service was to begin.

Dave Stump, chief of Leo Independent Fire Engine Company, says no one was injured, but the five-year-old building is probably a complete loss. State police fire marshal Patrick McKenna estimates damage at about $500,000.

McKenna says overheating of a ceiling canister light probably started the blaze.

Members say that more than 500 volunteers erected the structure's walls and roof in about three days in 2002. They plan was to look for a temporary location for meetings until the church can be rebuilt.

NATIONAL

Malibu residents return to communities after fire burns 53 homes

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - Favorable weather and an aerial assault helped firefighters make progress against a blaze that destroyed dozens of homes along winding canyon roads, the second major fire here in as many months.

A cool breeze blowing in from the Pacific Ocean kept temperatures low and moisture levels high Sunday, while 30 aircraft repeatedly dropped fire retardant and water that snuffed out most of the flames.

The fire was 70 percent contained after burning more than 4,720 acres. Fire officials said they hope to have the blaze under control by Monday.

Residents made their way back Sunday to see if their homes were among the 53 that were burned to the ground. Several homes along Corral Canyon Road, which bore the brunt of the blaze, were reduced to blackened wrecks, while many others were virtually unscathed.

"There's no rhyme or reason to it," said Frank Churchill, who returned home with his wife and four children to find his white stucco home largely undamaged, while three neighboring homes were leveled. "It doesn't make sense."

Thirty-four other homes were damaged and as many as 14,000 people were evacuated from the blaze, which was whipped up by hot, dry Santa Ana winds.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger surveyed the damage and hugged Jennifer Grossman who returned from a trip to find her home destroyed.

"This is very, very sad," Schwarzenegger said to Grossman. "We're going to help you."

Malibu was still recovering from last month's 4,565-acre Canyon Fire that destroyed six homes, two businesses and a church when the winds began whipping up again.

"You think it's over for the year, and then, it's here we go again," Montebello City Fire Capt. Fernando Peliaz said as his crew soaked down the still-smoldering remains of a home.

Hundreds of firefighters and equipment from throughout the state had been positioned in Southern California for most of the week because of the predicted Santa Ana winds.

Investigators said the fire, which broke out along a dirt road off a paved highway, was caused by humans, but they had not determined if it was started intentionally, county fire Inspector Rick Dominguez said.

Sheriff's deputies with bloodhounds were seen headed into the area that residents said is a popular spot for outdoor partying by young people. Several locals were convinced the fire was started by late-night revelers who may have lit a campfire.

"I've been up there and seen howling groups of teenagers drinking," Corral Canyon Road resident Ricardo Means, 57, said of the rugged spot near the far end of the winding road where blackened beer bottles could be seen littering the ground.

Malibu, with homes tucked into deep and narrow canyons along 27 miles of coast on the southern foot of the Santa Monica Mountains, is prone to Santa Ana-driven wildfires. Among them was a 1993 blaze that destroyed 388 structures, including 268 homes, and killed three people.

Saturday's fire was west of the areas of Malibu that burned in October. Despite the constant threat of wildfires and other natural hazards, residents seem to love living here. A sense of community, quietness compared to Los Angeles and proximity to nature are all cited by locals.

"It's just tranquility after madness of the city," said stem-cell researcher Denis Rodgerson, whose house survived. "It's a nice place."

Stores usher in holiday shopping season with big discounts, expanded hours in tough economy

NEW YORK (AP) - Shoppers – shrugging off a spate of lead-tainted toy recalls and higher prices for food and gas – jammed stores before dawn Friday to grab discounted TVs, toys and the hard-to-find Nintendo Wii, for the official start of the holiday season, expected to be the weakest retail showing in five years.

Stores, including Toys "R" Us and Macy's Inc. said more people were showing up this year for predawn specials but merchants need them to keep coming throughout the holiday season to make their sales goals.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, threw open its doors at 5 a.m., offering such specials as a Polaroid 42-inch LCD HDTV for $798 and a $79.87 Sony digital camera. From 5 a.m. to noon, Toys "R" Us Inc. offered 101 early morning specials on such toys as Mattel Inc.'s Barbie styling set and Hasbro Inc.'s FurReal interactive jungle cat toy. That's four times the number it offered last year.

J.C. Penney Co., which opened at 4 a.m., an hour earlier than last year, served up such deals as a leather massage recliner for $298.88, after a $50 mail in rebate. The original price was $799. Other deals include 50 percent off toys and board games.

In a scene replayed again and again at stores nationwide, about 200 people stood in line outside a Target in Columbia, S.C., at 5 a.m., an hour before the store was to open.

Tracy Jenkinson, 34, arrived just after 3 a.m. to take the first spot in line.

He planned to buy a $199, 19-inch LCD television for his daughters.

"It's kind of crazy if you're not here to get a particular thing," Jenkinson said.

Best Buy Co. Inc. drew more than a thousand shoppers to West Paterson, N.J. and to its Manhattan store for early morning bargains on Sony laptop computers, cut to $399.99 from $749.99, and GPS devices from TomTom for $119.99, from the normal $249.99, according to store managers.

"If they were selling it, we were buying it," Tom Shea, 23, said as he surveyed his purchases at a Manhattan Best Buy store. He said he, some friends and a cousin were the first through the doors when the store opened at 4 a.m.

Shea, of Brooklyn, and two friends spent a total of about $2,500 on two laptop computers, an Xbox game console, a vacuum and several other items. They estimated they had saved about $1,500 – after waiting for 35 hours outside the Fifth Avenue store to make sure they were first in line, he said.

Shoppers from overseas were reveling in exchange rates that made discounts even deeper.

The dollar hit record lows against the euro Friday and reached their lowest point in 12 years against the yen.

"Everything is half price for us," Ashlee Clifford said, smiling, as she shopped at a Circuit City in Manhattan. Clifford lives in Northern Ireland.

She was unaware of the post-Thanksgiving shopping frenzy ,known in retail circles as Black Friday, until coming to New York.

"It's absolutely madness," said Clifford, 26.

Many prepared in advance to snap up their most coveted items, though some were not happy with what they found.

Amber Hanson, 23, of Madison, Wisc., and her mother, Heather Ludwig, 51, of Stoughton, Wisc., mapped out a game plan using ad fliers Thursday. Hanson went to bed at midnight and was up again at 2:30 a.m. to get to Kohl's 4 a.m. opening, where she bought sweaters and candles.

Ludwig said the best deal the store offered was $10 cash to spend on Saturday for every $50 spent on Black Friday, calling the lines "ridiculous," after an hour-and-a-half wait to check out.

Both mother and daughter, who hit other stores including Old Navy, said they weren't too impressed with the "deals."

"The stores are giving away a lot less free things," Ludwig said.

Recognizing a potentially tough shopping season ahead, stores began discounting weeks ago, with such gimmicks as expanded hours. While top luxury stores like Saks Fifth Avenue continue to do well, merchants that cater to middle and lower income shoppers have suffered as consumers struggle with higher gas and food prices as well as a slumping housing market.

There are no new, must-have holiday items like Apple Inc.'s iPod, though certain products are doing well. At toy stores, Smart Cycle, from Mattel's Fisher-Price, and Jakks Pacific's EyeClops, a handheld device that magnifies objects, are among the early hits, though sales have been stymied by concerns over Chinese-made toys. At clothing stores, dresses have been a strong seller, according to Dana Telsey, CEO of Telsey Advisory Group, an independent research firm.

In electronics, there are no new game consoles, though shortages of Nintendo's Wii, which made its debut a year ago, have kept shoppers alert to whatever has dribbled in.

Pam Batts, of Raleigh, N.C., arrived at a Target in suburban Knightdale at 3:30 a.m. Friday, ready to buy a Wii for her 8 year old son but left empty handed.

About 30 minutes before the doors opened, Target staff announced the store had been sold out of the consoles since Sunday.

"Now what do I do?" Batts asked. "I've got just a month to find one."

While Black Friday is expected by some analysts to be the busiest day of the season, it's not a predictor of how retailers will fare in the season overall. In fact, the weekend only accounts for about 10 percent of overall holiday sales. But it does set the tone since what consumers see that day influences where they will shop for the rest of the year.

Last year, retailers had a good start during the Thanksgiving weekend, but many stores struggled in December and a shopping surge just before and after Christmas wasn't enough to make up for lost sales.

This year, analysts expect sales gains to be the weakest in five years. Washington-based National Retail Federation predicted that total holiday sales will be up 4 percent for the combined November and December period, the slowest growth since a 1.3 percent rise in 2002.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Truckers & Local Lawmakers Protest I-80 Toll Plan

Dozens of people attended a PennDOT informational meeting in Grove City on Monday night where plans for placing toll plazas on I-80 were revealed to the public. However, most people who attended the meeting held at Grove City College were there to protest the tolls. Governor Rendell pushed the move to lease I-80 to the PA Turnpike Commission as a way to generate revenue for transportation and mass transit in th state. Truck drivers say making I-80 a toll road is an unfair and unecessary tax on them which will hurt consumers and local residents.

Lawmakers from our area say they were disappointed this meeting was held without them as they are currently in Harrisburg for the current legislative session. Reps, Dick Stevenson (R-Grove City), Michele Brooks (R-Jamestown) and Mark Longietti, (D-Farrell), along with Sen. Bob Robbins (R-Greenville) - will be unable to attend a public meeting on Nov. 19 in Grove City due to legislative voting session in Harrisburg that day.

"From the very beginning, the public needed to have been included in the initial process before the legislation was advanced; however, we appreciate the Turnpike Commission following up on our request to hold public meetings to address the challenges that we are hearing local residents and businesses express if this tolling is approved," Brooks said. "This potential tolling not only affects commuters and residents who use this highway on a daily basis.

INTERNATIONAL

Bush lends heft to Mideast peace talks, efforts to broker Israeli-Palestinian declaration

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush will lend his clout Monday to help broker an elusive agreement between Israel and the Palestinians on the contours of long-stalled peace talks the two sides expect to relaunch this week at a high-stakes international conference.

Resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has been a priority of a succession of U.S. presidents, and late in his two-term tenure, President Bush has made that long-coveted diplomatic victory his goal, too.

Bush invited the Israeli and Palestinian leaders to separate meetings at the White House on Monday to prepare for the centerpiece of his Mideast gathering – an all-day session Tuesday in Annapolis, Md.

"I remain personally committed to implementing my vision of two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security," Bush said Sunday in a statement on the international gathering that begins Monday night with a dinner.

"The Israelis and Palestinians have waited a long time for this vision to be realized, and I call upon all those gathering in Annapolis this week to redouble their efforts to turn dreams of peace into reality," he said.

Bush will open the Annapolis conference with a speech. He'll make clear that Mideast peace is a top priority for the rest of his time in office through January 2009, but he is not expected to advance any of his own ideas on how to achieve that, Bush national security adviser Stephen Hadley said Sunday.

"It is now time for the parties to get into this process by way of negotiation," Hadley told reporters. "And I don't think the president will conclude that the time is right to start offering ideas on outcomes on specific issues. ... This is not a negotiation session. It is to launch a negotiation, and for the parties then to take a lead."

Hadley also said the joint statement was not as important as it had initially appeared. The two sides had taken the unexpected step of agreeing to negotiations, so the document was no longer a vehicle necessary to bring them to that point, he said.

"If we get something, if they can agree on some things as an input to the negotiations, that would be fine," Hadley said. "But I think it is really no longer on the critical path to a successful conference."

The run-up to the meeting has been fraught with disputes, skepticism and suspicion about the opposing parties' good faith. And expectations remain low.

But Bush has been buoyed by Arab endorsement of the meeting and the possibilities for broader peacemaking. He will be asked to use his presidential heft to promote a joint blueprint for talks that are to follow, Israeli and Palestinian officials said Sunday.

Clinching a joint statement of objectives from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert might prove to be an impossibly tall order because of the charged issues that divide the two sides. On more than one occasion, negotiations have splintered over the key questions of Palestinian statehood – final borders, sovereignty over disputed Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees who lost homes in Israel following its 1948 creation.

The Palestinians want the statement to address those issues in general terms. But Israel wants to leave them for post-conference talks, and has pressed for a broader, vaguer statement of commitment to two states living side-by-side in peace.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wasn't able to bridge the gaps, even after eight missions to the region this year.

If the two sides can't even manage to come up with a shared statement of objectives, that could augur ill for the future of peace talks, which are to be renewed after seven years of still-simmering violence.

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met late Sunday with Rice in a last-ditch effort to wrap up the task.

"We're confident there will be a document and we'll get to Annapolis in good shape on that," but bargaining may continue behind the scenes on Tuesday, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Still, whatever joint agreement the Israelis and Palestinians present at Annapolis will be a starting point and is likely to sketch only vague bargaining terms. The big questions that have doomed previous peace efforts would come later.

Palestinian negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo said Palestinians hope to work out a joint document, but that an agreement is not essential because of assurances received in the U.S. invitation to the conference.

That invitation, he said, "includes all the terms of reference for the future negotiation" and "confirms that both sides are committed" to putting in place the peace process. "This is enough to launch negotiations after the conference."

Olmert made it clear that Annapolis is but a start.

"I hope Annapolis will allow the launching of serious negotiations on all the core issues that will lead to a solution of two states for two peoples," Olmert said Sunday.

The Arab League endorsement of the conference, while reluctant, is considered crucial because Abbas needs to be shored up, especially after Islamic Hamas militants routed his loyalists in the Gaza Strip in June and now rule there.

Mini SCRAWL

mid-afternoon jazz
by Leanna Stitt

she looks through telescopes
for music
(hazy mornings perfect clarity).
exposure to colors of
carefully chaotic vignettes,
or the improvised
eruption
of mid-afternoon jazz
seduce her into
preparing recipes of
shrimp jambalaya
for breakfast.
without knowing,
she moves her hips to the
beat of dripping faucets
in southern suburbia –
snapshots of
romance and rhapsody
linger in her sink,
absorbing the microscopic
life she once knew.

Paradox
by Rachael Hoffman

The scientists have their
So-called logical explanations
For the glitter in the sky.
But perhaps the supposed galaxies
Are just light fixtures
On the marbled ceiling of our world.
A world that exists
In a not-so-infinite space
A world led by those
Whose minds are limited
By infinity.

How From a Dream spent?
for Mallory

by J. Kelly

How from a dream spent
body? How wavering as I must?
How fall into winter after
barely a half touch
empties my chest?
How all flickers, wandering
that breach, curving:
forms your lips take
on each word.
How a syllable
more opened than light
the eye of this world.
Nothing I carry
knows how you hold me, or
asks how nearly
close, how far inside
so clearly *this*
how answers.

SAMUEL
BY JULIE TVARUZEK

I

ON THE 20TH OF JULY
HE WENT TO VIENNA,
THREE YEARS AGO
MARKED BY A BLUE PEN CIRCLE.
SHE SENT HIM PRIVACY
IN AN ENVELOPE.
HE KEPT IT IN A DRAWER.
"TE QUIERO, GUAPO
BUENAS NOCHES"
VIENNA, 2004.
INSIDE I FIND A MAN
I ALMOST KNOW
PRESSED TO A WOMAN
WHOSE PALE BLUE EYES
TELL ME MORE ABOUT HIM
THAN THE FLAMENCO GUITAR,
THAN THE WORN BALLCAP
HUNG FROM A PEG.

II

INTRUSION DOESN'T SEEM
SO MUCH A CRIME
AS MEMORY LEFT STALE.

Untitled
By Sky Yaple

dots running around the page dizzily... lost from the tops of i's and j's and dropped off the ends of declarative sentences,
finally deciding they've had enough of being the smallest
and unnoticed, and their mad frenzied dash across the paper managed to disrupt the entire
structure...

and every

last

paragraph

crumbled

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walls
by Julia Barker

our empty phrases scatter 'round us
like the autumn leaves that fall
with all the nothings that we say
i wonder why we even talk at all

we build our walls so high, so deep, so far
beyond the clawing reach of prying eyes
that one day even we forget
the secrets that we try so hard to hide

and then one day they crumble
stone by stone by stone
the bricks we laid in pain and desperation
by hands other than our own

so whether those stones are cast
in anger, fear, bitterness, or hate
or used to build a new foundation
in your hands i leave my fragile fate

nightmare bait
by Shinae
Karli Champ

a voice says something's wrong.
but look: charming air, country curtains.
a misjudgment..?

in the normal house a man awaits.
dark glasses, middle aged,
unshaven but friendly.

in the man's house a patio is kept.
greenery, white flowers,
menacing iron gate.

through the gate a living room stays.
neatly organized, mother's magazines,
near the kitchen.

in the kitchen a pot screeches.
boiling over, smelling foul,
leaking toward the hallway.

in the hallway a silence settles.
depressing, floor creaking,
stairs to the left.

up the flight of stairs a lit room lives.
oddly bright, oddly squashed,
two king beds and a crib.

in the long, lit room a crib sits.
not rocking, emitting something,
fit for a precious doll.

in the gray blue crib a baby sleeps.
not crying, not fussing,
possibly not breathing.

but it could be.

in a normal house a nightmare awaits.
lying in wait, watching constantly,
wondering who will come

to save the innocent bait.

Lemon-Lime
by Lizz Ward

Lemon lime and the blue-sky autumn
Wipe the slate clean with our unity and orange
In a citrus vitality, but not quite sour
For all the sweetness within
There goes the shining sphere
Through the springtime sky, again
Goodbye again
Ricocheting back and far, far away
Fiery red, guided to my open hand
Catch it quick! For it won't last
The beat, beat, beat of the pounding on
The door, on the floor, reverberate
Green on green on grassless green of winter
Shout and sing and laugh and…
That priceless moment
Quiet, then erupts with triumph
Our sacrifice repaid
And the greatest trophy, enclosed in my heart.
Work as one for the show
The grandeur of the song and light,
Number one.
Even in the wiping clean, be ever true to us and pride.
Will you not remember?
White winter wonders
Sculpt the cold into a fun escape
Children run and play,
And we are they.
And in every way I miss it…
Can you remember?
The string, whap-whap-whapping,
And words inviting a timid me
begins something beautiful and forever.
Tonight we'll all gather and sleep,
Or not. Either works, but better is the latter.
When the new day rises we will too.
A monotonous repeat of work, work, words
Yet it remains the highlight.
The worst of each day
Fades in the summer twilight.
With it goes our days.
Every picture freezes a moment
That no longer exists
To anything but our memory
Bittersweet-
Like sugar and coffee
But coffee is a thing of age
What became of our lemon lime?
Replaced by growth-
Erased by time…
I want it back,
'cause it was mine
and ours
  then…
Birthday cake and softly fading winter
Never let go
  Never wipe it clean

To a Goddess
by Britain Rousch

O Goddess, divine
Beauty not seen in mortals
Tempts this poor human.

What can a man do
To please you, heavenly one?
What lack you, Goddess?

How can I make known
To you how deeply I long
For your affection?

Goddess, your perfect
Form, not possible on Earth,
Hurts this lovelorn wretch.

Your love is reserved
For warlike men who flatter
You for their conquest,

As if the plunder,
Acquired through great heroism,
From some epic war.

Must it be this way?
Can there be no hope for me?
May I not love you?

Goddess, show mercy!
Climb down from your mountain home;
Relinquish your pride!

You, modern Venus,
Slay me with each luring gaze;
I must have your love!

Though your appearance
Is visually pleasing,
Seeing you wounds me;

Because I cannot
Ever have you for myself,
I wish you were gone.

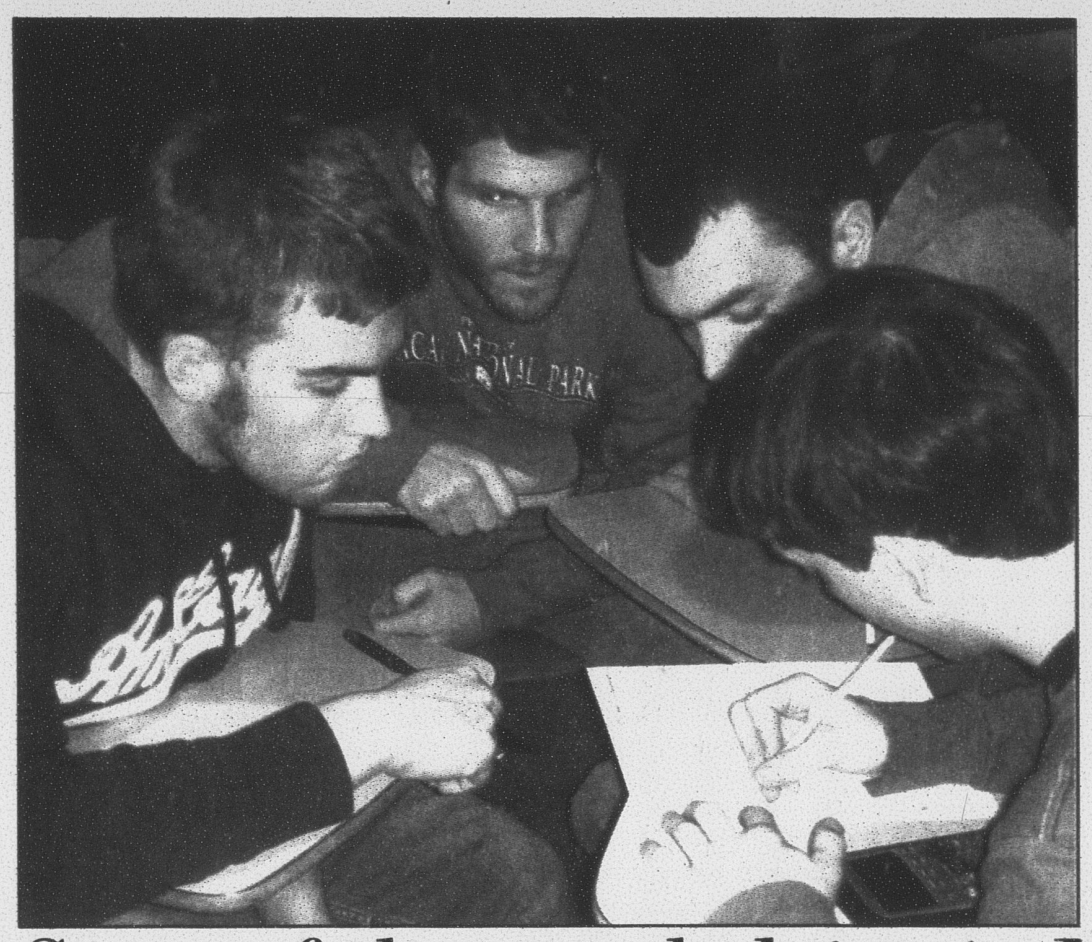
It is most unfair
That one so fair, within reach,
Can never be mine.

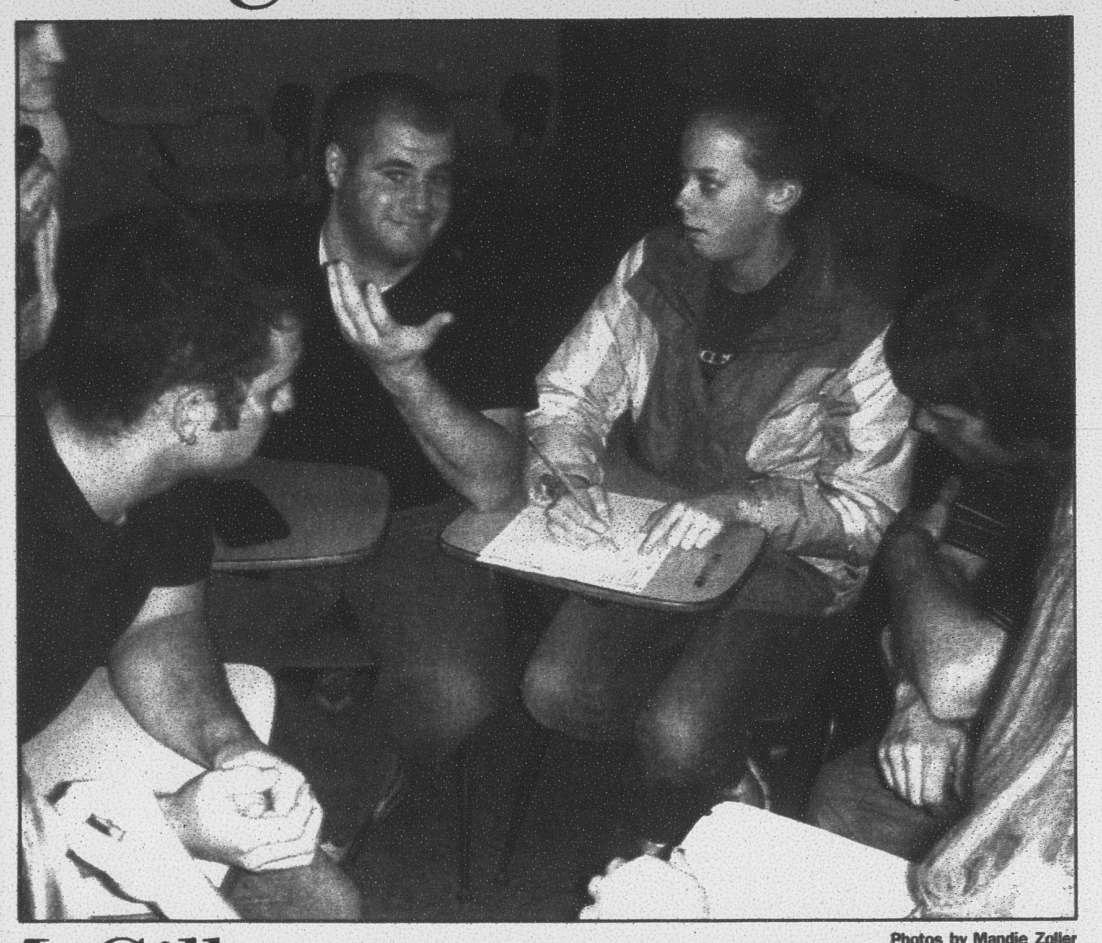
Fruit Salad
by Lizz Ward

An apricot sunset begins every day,
in the blueberry sky the clouds drift away.
The cherry flowers, the lemon-lime trees,
all sway in the summery apple crisp breeze.
Then it rains little raisin rain drops,
over the raspberry sea til it stops.
A big peach sun, high in the air,
banana yellow buttercups blooming everywhere.
Tropical pineapple islands, with mango beaches,
a coconut flake snowfall covers everything it reaches.
A strawberry sunset to finish it all,
as the day begins to fall.
And star fruit stars dot the plum purple night,
the huge melon moon casts a glowing light.
Wish such a colorful, bittersweet earth,
how can we question what life is worth?
It all blends together into a rainbow above.
A living fruit salad, a garden of love.

Campus News

Geeks come out during Geek Week





Photos by Mandie Zoller

Students work together to compete during Geek Week.

State-of-the-art shelving in McGill library allows for space to grow

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Compact shelving has recently been added in the McGill Library as part of the renovation project.

Moveable compact shelving has been installed in the basement of McGill allowing more space for the growing collection of books and easy access for students and faculty. This state of the art shelving plays an important role in the library's renovation which is scheduled to be complete sometime in Fall 2008.

"The compact shelving is very user friendly and it makes finding books easy and fun," junior Sarah Sporrer said. "I feel like it was a good choice for the library because of how it utilizes the space."

Located in McGill's basement, the new mobile shelving permits enough space for the library's collection to grow while avoiding off-site storage or discarding books. The library buys an estimated three thousand new books per year. For every three thousand new books, more than one hundred and twenty shelves are needed to house them. Compact shelving increases the amount of space and will allow 35 years of growth. To accommodate the new shelves, the entire floor of the basement was dug up and the rails that support the shelves were positioned beneath the floor. With a number of safety features, the shelving system is equipped with an overhead heat detector, toe guard laser, and an emergency stop. Inquiry students were taught how to properly use the system. A blinking red light indicates that the shelves are locked in place. By pushing the reset button and using the arrows to find the desired shelf, students and faculty may easily find material.

"I think it's obvious that Westminster has made a commitment to preserving their library collection and whether it's print or making electronics I think that's going to keep it alive," head librarian, Molly P. Spinney said.

According to Spinney, the shelving cost an approximate $450,000 of the renovation budget.

The renovation project in McGill consists of two phases..While the first phase focused on function, the second phase is geared toward aesthetics. The installation of an elevator will allow handicapped students easy mobility to every floor. New furniture will include a variety of seating options and the entrance will also be moved. The former computer lab will be replaced by a children's library and Ferguson room on the second floor will include more study space.

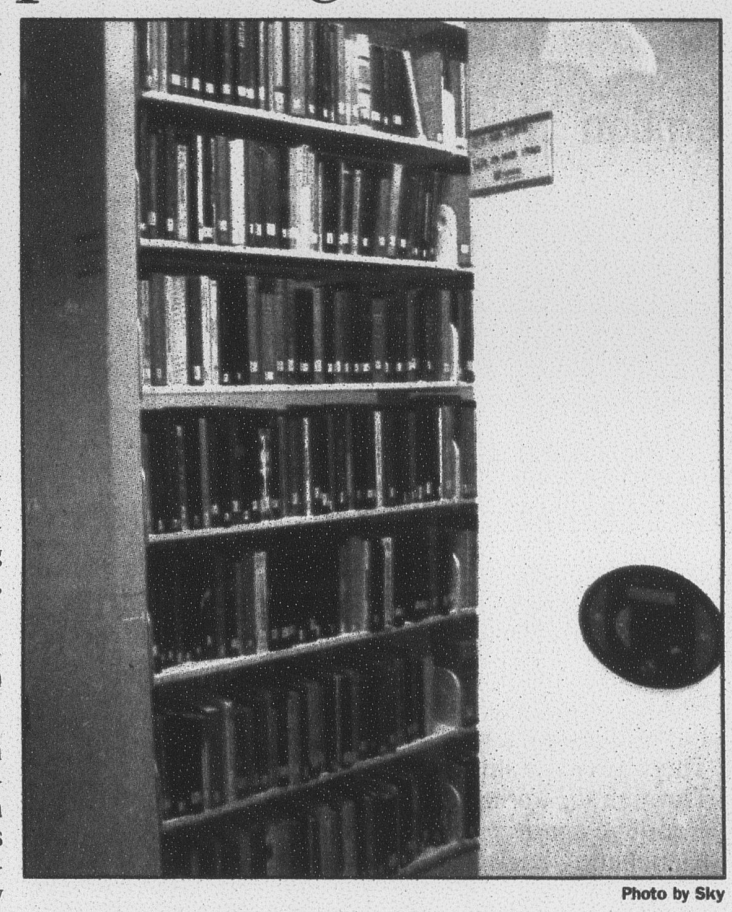


Photo by Sky

Moveable compact shelving allows for more space for the college's collection to grow and provides easy access for users.

McGill Library will be closed to the public during Summer 2008.

Kappa Delta sisters adopt girl scout troop

By Gretchen Fatula
Campus Writer

The sisters of Kappa Delta adopted Girl Scout Troop 317 of Lawrence County to further their philanthropic efforts.

Kappa Delta became involved with Troop 317 when Merrianne McGill contacted junior Sarah Petcovic, Kappa Delta's philanthropy chair. Merrianne McGill needed help with leading the meetings. Junior Sarah Filson agreed to act as the assistant troop leader. Filson attends their meetings on Fridays, and even leads some of the meetings.

Kappa Delta aims to help Troop 317 achieve the Bronze Award, which is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. The girls work hard achieving several badges a week. The badges range from learning about different cultures to protecting the environment.

"Not only do we teach the girl scouts,; they teach us some things too," junior Melissa Murphy said.

The troop had a meeting on world diversity and some of the sisters volunteered to teach the troop several different languages. If any of the Kappa Deltas studied abroad or traveled to foreign countries, they shared their experiences and pictures from their trip.

"Kappa Delta tries to contribute by sharing some of our own personal experiences and knowledge to add to the activities," Filson said.

Recently Kappa Delta helped the troop with its Healing Hands project, in which the sisters and other members of the community helped to collect medical supplies to create medical kits to send to people in Iraq who do not have the necessary items to take care of themselves. Some things the girls were looking to collect were bandages, antibacterial creams or wipes, and other items of that nature. The sisters sat in the TUB the week of November 12 to advertise the mission and collect the medical items that members from the campus community were willing to donate. Sisters of Kappa Delta also sat outside of Rite Aid with the troop to collect items from the New Wilmington community.

"We received more items than we expected, but we still need more," Petcovic said.

The sisters of Kappa Delta are still willing to receive more supplies for the Healing Hands Project. If anyone has any supplies to donate, contact Sarah Petcovic or give them to any Kappa Delta sister.

"The girl scouts mean a lot to Kappa Delta and we enjoy helping them in whatever way we can," Filson said.

Last year, the sisters of Kappa Delta took the girl scouts to the Soldiers and Sailors Museum in Pittsburgh and spent the day with them. This year, the sisters are joining the girl scouts on a trip to see the Alice in Wonderland ballet.

Fraternity cleans up creek

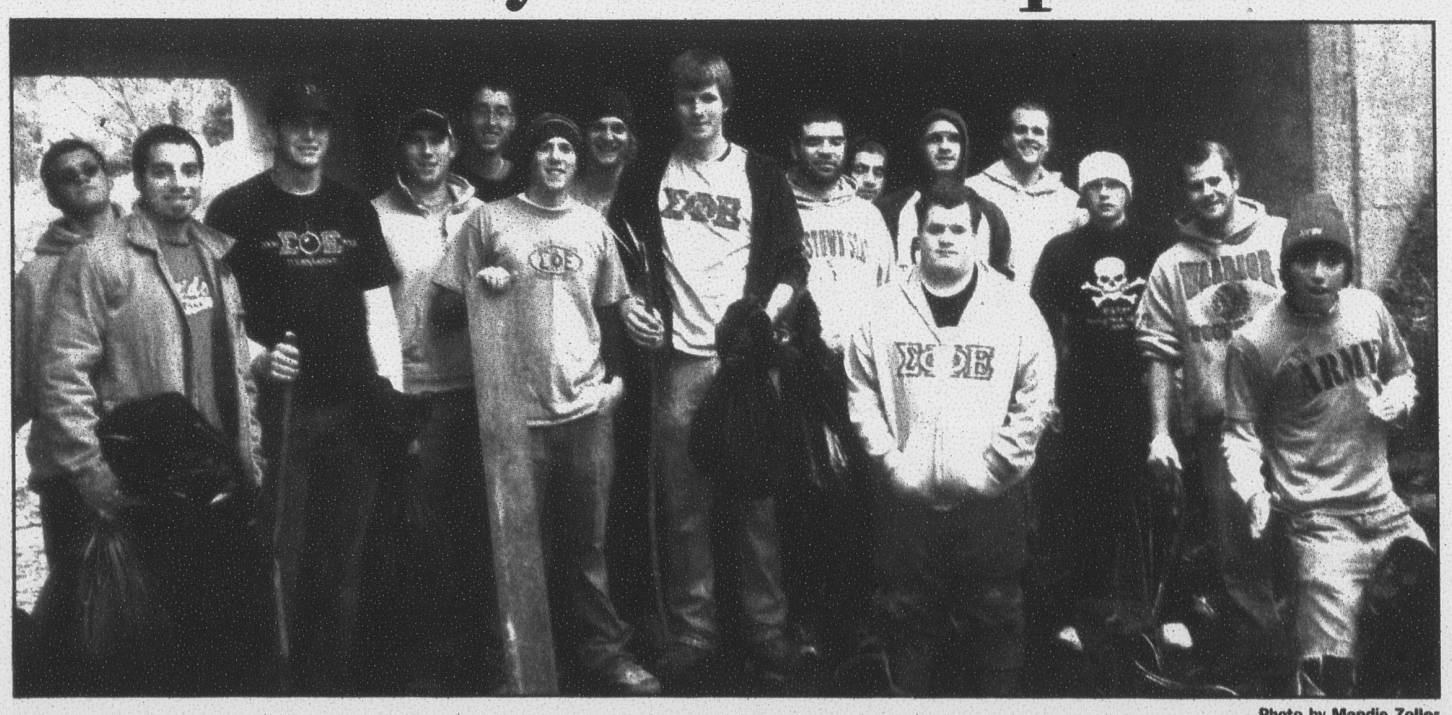


Photo by Mandie Zoller

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon spent a day cleaning up McClure's Creek and participated in other philanthropic efforts.

By Allison Houser
Staff Writer

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity have spent this semester completing philanthropic projects throughout the community.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, eighteen brothers participated in the clean-up of McClure's Creek, the stream that runs through campus, from the college football field to Dutch Isle. Junior Jake Shaffer was excited for the brotherhood to give back to the New Wilmington population.

"It felt good to have people see us providing a service to the community," Shaffer said. "All the brothers felt really good that we were doing this, and everyone had a great time while we were all together."

In addition to cleaning the creek, the Sig Eps have contributed to the annual New Wilmington Firemen's Auction.

On Halloween, brothers took turns jumping on a trampoline on the quad for their first Jump for Hope. Through donations and sponsorships, the brothers raised much needed funds for Youth AIDS, the fraternity's philanthropy.

"I think that all of the brothers have done a great job with working towards their philanthropy as well as with their work on the creek," Ashley Carnahan said. "They spent a lot of time on this kind of work this semester, and I think it really has an effect on the community.

Junior Jordan Flaim, another member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, agrees and adds that the community gives a lot, too.

"It was nice to be able to get the brotherhood together and give back to the community because they do so much for the college," Flaim said.

Before the semester is over, the brotherhood plans to help their neighbors rake leaves. They also have plans for philanthropic events for next semester.

Titan Traverse to offer two spring break trips

By Timothy Malone
Campus Writer

For students faced with the problem of a boring spring break, a Titan Traverse trip may be the answer.

One possible destination this year is Florida, where students would have the opportunity to canoe through the Everglades. Another possible place is Joshua Tree, Ca., where rock climbing will be the main activity.

"The Joshua Tree trip will probably be for 10 to 12 people, although we aren't sure yet," Titan Traverse director Laura Nystrom said. "The Everglades trip would be bigger and would probably involve 15 to 20 people."

The Everglades trip will likely cost around $250, while the Joshua Tree expedition could be as much as $600.

"It would be from March 14 to 21, with students back on campus by Good Friday, so they can spend Easter weekend with their families," Nystrom said.

Last year Titan Traverse offered a trip to Mexico. Junior Dave Mills described the activities that were involved with the experience.

"We did five days of backpacking. We started at the top of a ravine and went down toward a river," Mills said. "We did horseback riding and rock climbing too. We also talked to a guide about the indigenous people."

There was also a backpacking trip to Cumberland Island, Ga. Sophomore Derrick Trump was one of the students that participated.

"We did some hiking and some service projects, picking up trash and cleaning up dumps," Trump said. "One day we got up at 5:30 in the morning to see the sunrise and swim. It was a laid-back kind of trip."

The spring break trips are available for all students. Those interested should contact the Titan Traverse office. For those still uncertain, Mills offers advice.

"It was impressive to see a totally different side of the world, because you were literally in the middle of nowhere," Mills said. "I would definitely encourage anyone to go on the spring break trips. It's a chance you won't have outside of college with everything that goes into it."

Swimming teams begin 2007-08 season

Men advance to 2-1, while while women have yet to pick up first win

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming teams hosted Washington & Jefferson in their first PAC meet of the season. The Titan men (2-0, 1-0 PAC) won 167-90, while the Titan women (0-2, 0-1 PAC) lost 142.5-114.5. The Titan men posted top times in 11 events, while the Titan women finished first in five events.

Then the swimming teams hosted Wooster in a non-conference meet on Saturday, November 17. The Titan men (2-1) lost 105-100, while the Titan women (0-3) lost 142-63. The Titan men posted top times in four events, while the Titan women finished first in two events.

On the men's side against Washington & Jefferson, junior Cody Robson placed first in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.29, while junior, Conor Simpson captured the 200 yard butterfly (2:04.43). Freshman Devin Gannon also won the 200 backstroke (2:04.19).

Three Titan men won multiple individual events, including junior Zac Gebhardt winning the 500 freestyle (5:05.22) and the 1000 freestyle (10:21.97). Junior Chris Lehberger taking the 200 breaststroke (2:16.71) and the 100 breaststroke (1:02.11) and sophomore Brett Gerthoffer capturing the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.62 and the 100 backstroke at 56.61.

Gerthoffer also swam on the 400 freestyle relay team that touched first at 3:23.39, while Gannon, Lehberger, Simpson and junior Stephen Burns comprised the winning 200-medley relay team (1:41.42).

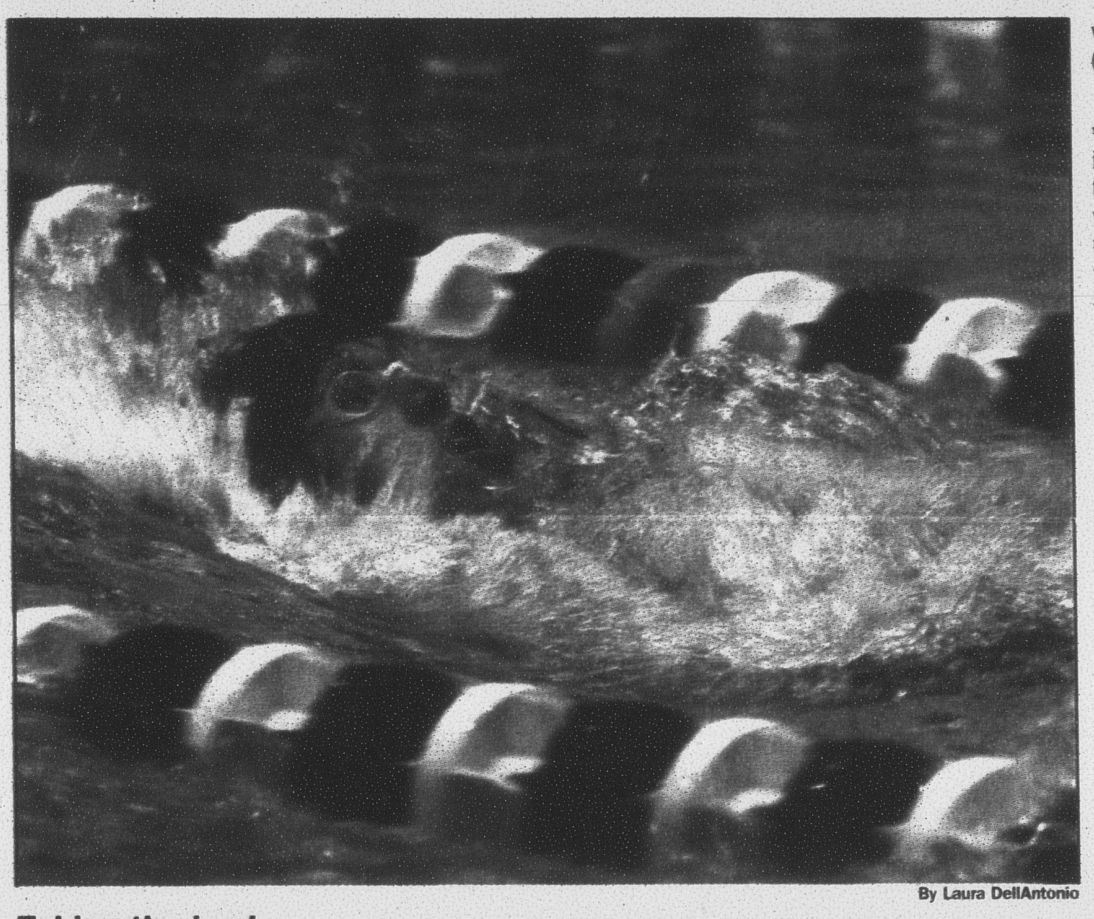
Against Wooster, Gerthoffer won the 200 freestyle with a finishing time of 1:48.93. Placing first in the 100 butterfly was Simpson with a time of 53.73, while posting the fast time in the 500 freestyle was Lehberger with a time of 4:58.26. Also placing first in the 100 breaststroke was sophomore Ben Gutmann at 1:01.92.

On the women's side against Wooster, senior Becky Giles won the 400 IM with a time of 4:51.60, while sophomore Emily Dressler won the 200 freestyle with a finishing time of 2:00.76.

Against Washington & Jefferson, Giles was the only Westminster swimmer to win two events. She placed first in the 200 IM (2:15.73) and in the 200 breaststroke (2:33.60). Giles also placed second in the 100 butterfly (1:02.96).

Other individual winners for the women were junior Megan Mier, who placed first in the 100 freestyle (11:31.58) and freshman Courtney Herdt who won the 100 breaststroke (1:12.74).

The Westminster swim teams will next travel to the Wooster Invitational held November 29 - December 1.



By Laura DellAntonio

Taking the lead

Sophomore Brett Gerthoffer sails past his competition in the 100 backstroke during the meet against Washington and Jefferson. The men went on to win the meet 167-90.

Titan's and Lady Titan's basketball start seasons with opposing records

Men's basketball still looking for first win

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team suffered their fifth straight loss this week at Juniata. The final score of the non-conference match up was 80-63.

The Titans also fell to non-conference Penn State Behrend, 80-65.

The Titans' 0-5 record on the season is their worst start since the 1985-1986 season.

The Titans traveled to Juniata where the Eagles led by only one point at halftime and trailed Westminster by one point with 14:33 remaining in the game.

The Eagles then took the lead after a 15-0 run and held on to the lead defeating the Titans by 17 points.

Senior Craig Hannon led the Titans with 22 points followed by classmate Chauncey Whitlow with 15 points.

Sophomore Ryne Murray added 13 points and a team-high ten rebounds. Murray's "double-double" is his first this season and fifth of his career.

Juniata's Brian Cannon led the team with a game-high 33 points, followed by Kyle Opitz with 15.

The Eagles out shot the Titans from the field with a 52.4 percent (33-63) success rate. The Titans shot just 35.9 percent (23-64). The Eagles also out-rebounded the Titans, 45-32.

The Titans played host to Penn State Behrend and trailed for all but three minutes of the game.

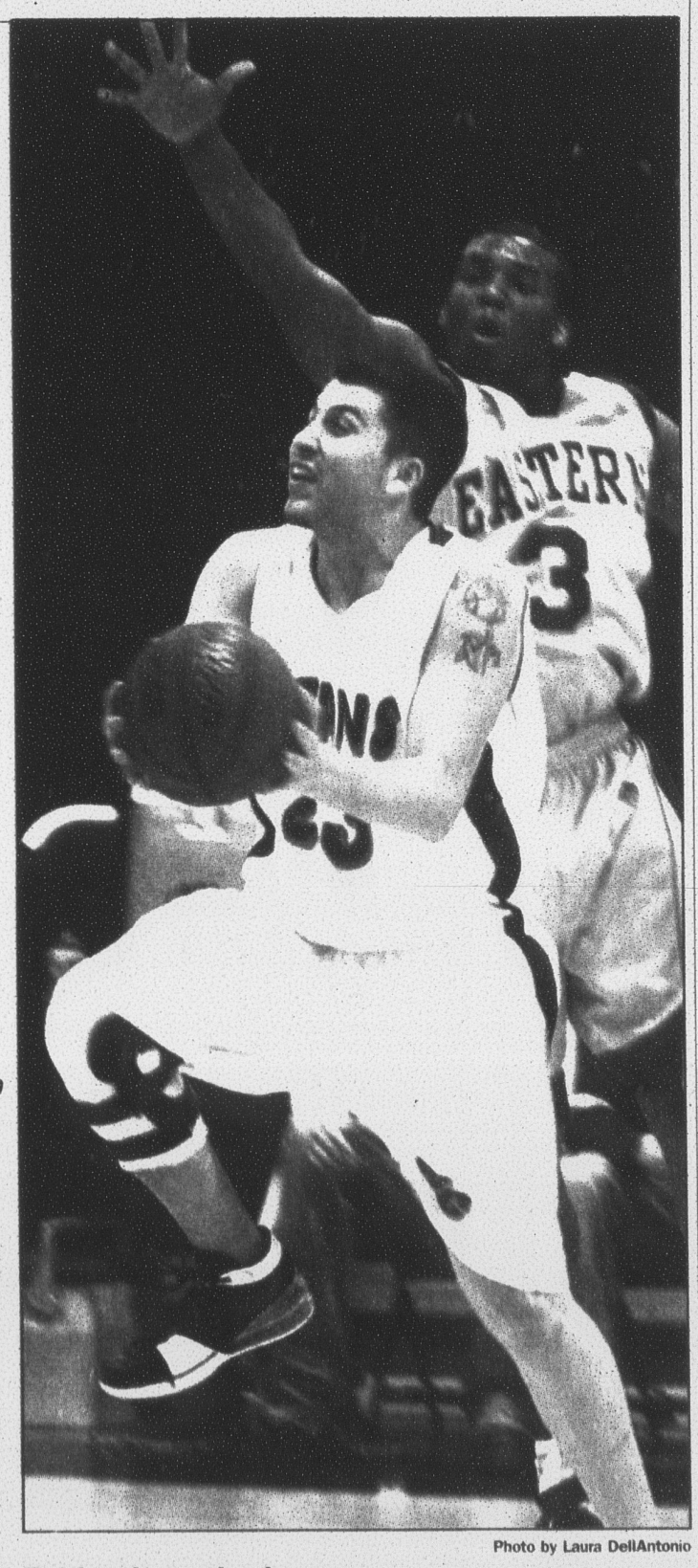
Murray scored a game- and career-high 27 points in his first start of the season. The sophomore forward made 11 of 20 shots from the field and three of nine from 3-point range.

Whitlow contributed seven points as Westminster's next highest scorer.

Behrend's Dan Zeigler led the Lions with 17 points followed by teammates Kevin Buczynski and Tom Newman with 14 and 12, respectively.

The Lions shot 60.8 percent from the field, while Westminster shot 44.1 percent. Behrend also out-rebounded the Titans, 35-24.

Westminster hosts Saint Vincent Saturday, December 1st.



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Taking it to the hoop

Freshman guard Max Spinner goes in for a lay-up against an Eastern player during their third place game of the Buzz Ridl Classic. The Titans went on to lose 90-87, finishing fourth in the tournament.

Lady Titans basketball team wins home opener

By Thomas Campana
Sports Writer

The womens basketball team opened their 2007-2008 home opener on Tuesday, November 20th as they hosted non-confrence opponent Pitt-Bradford.

The Lady Titans who began their night with in a point scoring frenzy rallied a led by as many as 15 points in the first half, before hearing the half time buzzer sound, as they went in with a 44-33 lead.

The second half the Lady Titans began where they left off, with a bundle of points. The Titans took a 28 point lead about half way through the second half as the scoreboard read 73-45. The largest lead the Titans piled up on Pitt-Bradford was 29 points at the 10 minute mark of the second half. As the final buzzer sounded the Lady Titans had posted their first home win of the season 96-74 in route to a 3-0 over all record.

Emily Ackerman senior guard/forward was one of three Titans who set a new career high, Ackerman scored 30 points on 11-19 from the field and 8-8 at the foul line, while she posted her second "double-double" of the season.

Sophomore center Rachel Martinko also posted a personal best with 26 points on her 8 of 10 from the field and 10 for 11 at the line. Junior guard Gina Brunetti was the third Titans to post a career high as she posted 7 assist and 9 points in the Lady Titans victory over Pitt-Bradford.

"It feels really good starting 3-0, but we know we still have a lot of things that we can get better at," Brunetti said.

The next women's basketball game will be at Wooster College on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.

762 or 762*?

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

An indictment is not a conviction. However, in the case of Barry Bonds, it seems as if prior to even the indictment he is considered guilty until proven innocent.

Whether or not Barry Bonds took steroids does not change the fact that he still has hit more home-runs than anybody else in the game of baseball. People who say you can just abolish Bonds' home-run record are completely illuminating their lack of knowledge of the game of baseball.

Never, and I repeat, never has baseball changed any number or record of any sort. If you were to change Barry Bonds home-run record, think of all the numbers that would have to change with it.

Let's start with wins. There were a number of times the Giants, or even the Pirates, won by one run because Bonds went yard. Changing Barry Bonds home-run record would alter the wins and losses of teams from the entire era in which Bonds played. Changing these wins and losses ultimately would change the outcomes of seasons if Bonds home-run record were to be changed.

Let's look now on an individual record. Every pitcher that Bonds hit a home-run off of would have a lower ERA if Bonds' record were to be changed. Every teammate that Bonds batted in would have scored less career runs if Bonds' record were to be changed. These are just a couple of reasons why Major League Baseball does not alter or change any of its statistics.

Changing the slightest number or stat in baseball would greatly alter the game we know as Major League Baseball. Can be Barry Bonds' record be tainted? Yes. Can Barry Bonds' record ever be changed? No.

Certainly, I would be remiss if did not mention the asterisk. To preface this whole idea of the asterisk, in the future, baseball historians will look back and remember this as baseball's "steroid era." With this in mind, George Mitchell will soon be revealing the findings and names of the Mitchell Investigation of steroid use in baseball.

If Barry Bonds gets an asterisk by the most coveted record in all of sports, Major League Baseball will set a dubious precedence for all of those players involved in the Mitchell report as well as those players who will later be found guilty of steroid use.

Should an asterisk be tagged onto Bonds' home-run record, every record of every player ever to have been found guilty of using steroids would have to be accompanied by that murky mark. In my estimation, baseball would be better off to omit the asterisk and not delay the inevitable reality that this point in time will known as the "steroid era."

Although the way baseball handles the most highly touted record in sports is a big deal, perhaps the more pressing issue to Bonds is how his defense attorneys handle his trial. With a disgruntled former girlfriend and longtime friends turned foes as the prosecutions' key witnesses, not to mention the obtainment of Bonds' personal trainer Greg Anderson, it will be interesting to see what kind of case the prosecution can present.

Whether or not Bonds is convicted on the charges of perjury, history tells us a reduction of Barry Bonds' years as a free man will not lead to a reduction of 762 or 762*, the greatest number in all of sports.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Arts & Entertainment

Rettinger produces unique artifacts

Gallery displays world perspective

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

Many people who have walked through the art gallery the past couple of weeks have been shocked at what they have seen.

The last exhibit featured rugs and other woven tapestries, but the current art display includes paintings and sculptures that are little more than unique.

James Rettinger is "not interested in making something pretty or ugly, just something contemplative." At a recent art dedication, Rettinger quoted Picasso, "I don't seek. I find."

As you walk through the gallery you may not like what you see, but if you take time and really look at each piece and notice how they all flow together, you get a whole different feeling about this collection.

At first, I stood in Orr Lobby and slowly walked towards his first piece, noticing how the compartments changed as I walked closer. I noticed more how each piece holds a face; my favorite is the magic eight-ball with glasses on top of it.

In order to get a grasp of most of Rettinger's pieces, you need to step back and look at the whole structure, then take steps forward looking at all the detail. He likes to make his projects in a way so that someone can see how he put it together.

Rettinger does use some interesting things to hold his projects together; he has a great use of saw dust and car putty. Also, arrows and rocks (sometimes slag) appear in a couple of his pieces.

Rettinger's sculpted pieces can be looked at from different angles to capture completely different feelings.

Strength Through Vulnerability is a piece that has three heads (six different faces) to represent the different sides of his father, along with the compartment belly which represents his father's mathematical personality.

Quite a few people walking through the gallery have mentioned the fact that the clocks are all set at different times. The clocks came from his father's house after he died; every room had four or five clocks, but the point is that time does not matter.

My favorite piece, *Flight*, reminded me of Constantin Brancusi's *Bird in Space*. The way it is put together is much simpler than some other pieces, but it conveys more emotion to me than the other pieces.

Another great piece is *Triggering Device*; it holds a lot of emotion. Rettinger said that it was inspired by a "family going through a hard time." However, the painting is about how a lot of things in life are left up to chance.

The "X" on the back of one of the hands is from a student he had, even though the painting is on a trigger devise and could be taken as a bull's eye.

His work has a bit of anger in it because he does not approve of some of the things in this world.

Many of his pieces contain the color black because of this. Black holds subtractive qualities, and it usually simplifies things, but in most of his pieces, the black amplifies the piece.

Rettinger's pieces will be in the art gallery through Dec. 15.

Photo by Danielle McCullough

Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Members of the Piscataway Indian Nation Singers and Dancers from Port Tobacco, MD dance for a crowd in the Berlin Lounge and the event was sponsored by the office of Diversity Services.

They performed dressed in tradtional head dress and dance regalia and performed several traditional dances.

Speaker takes critical approach

New Criticism is still practical today

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

New Criticism was a critical approach to literature created in the 1920s. Dr. Charlotte Beck aims to prove that this criticism is still relevant today.

Dr. Beck spoke to a crowd of 33 students, faculty members, and guests in Mueller Theater on Thursday, Nov. 15 of her extensive research of the history and practicality of New Criticism.

"It was interesting to hear her opinion because she was there," Ryan Sargent, a Sophomore English major, said.

Dr. James Perkins introduced the guest speaker. Dr. Perkins said that she has three degrees from the University of Tennessee and is Professor Emerita of English at Maryville College in Tennessee.

Dr. Beck also teaches at the University of South Carolina at Beaufort. She is a founder of the Robert Penn Warren Circle and is currently working on a two-volume set of his work.

"My goal is to prove that New Criticism is still useful after all these years," Dr. Beck said.

Dr. Beck spoke first spoke of the beginnings of New Criticism. It began in Nashville as a by-product of the Fugitive movement.

The Fugitives, led by John Crowe Ransom, were a group of poets at Vanderbilt University in the 1920s who became tired of classical approaches to literary criticism. The group would bring poetry to submit to the members for critique.

The Fugitives began to critique literature by closely reading it line by line and thinking deeply about the meaning of the words, the diction (word choice), and the form used.

This new approach was given the name New Criticism by Robert Penn Warren when he published a collection of essays in 1941 with the phrase "new criticism" in its title.

This critical approach focused solely on the text. Any biographical information about the author is irrelevant, as is anything other than the text itself.

New Criticism has often been criticized for attempting to understand a text without viewing that text in its original context.

The critics started writing textbooks with their new method because Biographical Criticism texts were all that was available at the time.

New Criticism is often painstaking and time consuming. New Critics often choose shorter works to critique for this reason. But some have taken on large, famous works like the plays of William Shakespeare.

A New Critic who critiqued *Macbeth* compared the play to a well wrought urn because it was crafted carefully in regards to its structure and diction.

A critique is seen as successful when all metaphors used can be joined together to create one reading of the text.

Over the years, New Criticism became a practical way of learning and teaching literature. Though it has been criticized often, its methods are still used today.

"People still use close-reading," Dr. Beck said. "It stuck around because it worked."

Dr. Beck responded to a question from English Professor Bethany Hicok concerning the fact that teachers do not teach students how to read anymore by saying that it is impossible to argue a valid point without first extensive-

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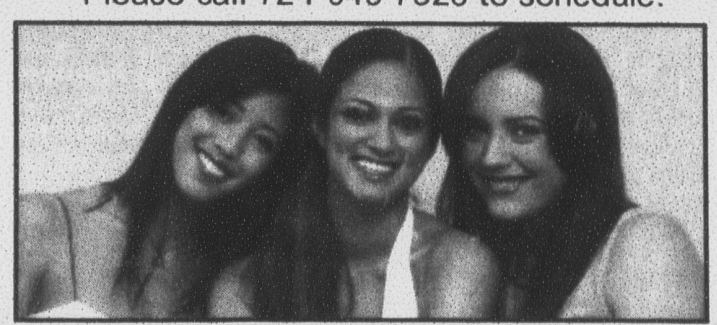

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Calendar

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Morning Meeting (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bookstore Ring Days (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Faculty Roundtables

11:40 AM Faculty Round Tables (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:30 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:30 PM SIG Career Night (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Women's Basketball @ Wooster

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

7:30 PM Faculty String Quartet Concert (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

8:00 PM Christmas Tree Light Up (Quad)

9:00 PM Kappa Delta Recruitment Party (Ferguson Hall Lobby)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, November 29, 2007

TBA Men's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

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8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Pennsylvania District V Honors Band in Rehearsals (Orr Auditorium)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bookstore Ring Days (MCC TUB)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (Patterson 231)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

6:00 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 152)

6:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi Fall Colloquium (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:00 PM Off-Campus Lottery for Women (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:45 PM Off-Campus Lottery for Men (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:45 PM Tri Beta Meeting (Hoyt 228)

Friday, November 30, 2007

TBA Men's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

TBA Women's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Pennsylvania District V Honors Band in Rehearsals (Orr Auditorium)

11:35 AM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

11:40 AM Chapel -- Hanging of the Greens (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

1:00 PM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Room 352)

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Invasion (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Rush Hour 3 (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, December 1, 2007

TBA Men's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

TBA Women's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM College Bowl (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

12:00 PM Honors Band Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

2:00 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL v. Saint Vincent

2:00 PM Pennsylvania District V Honors Band Concert (Orr Auditorium)

3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: David Timm (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Saint Vincent

4:00 PM Guitar Hero Tournament for Charity (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Rush Hour 3 (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM Night Owl Bowling -- Van Leaves from Shaw Side of MCC

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Invasion (MCC Mueller Theater

Sunday, December 2, 2007

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Rush Hour 3 (MCC Mueller Theater)

3:00 PM Orchestra Concert (Orr Auditorium)

3:00 PM Soccer Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:00 PM Vespers -- Communion (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Invasion (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, December 3, 2007

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Men's Basketball @ Allegheny

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

12:45 PM BC 251 Mini-Movie Showcase (Open to the Public) (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:45 PM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson-Clark 210)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 210)

5:00 PM S.W.A.T. Christmas Party (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:15 PM Panhellenic Council Meeting (111 Ferguson)

5:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM CPU (Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn) Meeting (Patterson 311)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM SGA Christmas Party (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

HANUKKAH BEGINS

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: David Cushman, "Government Debt, International Debt, and the U.S./Canada Exchange Rate" (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:45 AM RA Cafe (Info Session) (MCC Club)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Alternative Gift Market (MCC Carlson Atrium (Level 3))

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Celebration! An International Festival (MCC Student Lounge and Club)

5:00 PM Christmas Vespers Decorating (Orr Auditorium)

6:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Grove City*

7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Men's Basketball @ Grove City*

9:30 PM Kappa Delta Shamrock '07 (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
A supportive partnership could make a difference. Work in unison with an individual who is willing to contribute to your business or professional success.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
An incident with friends concerning money or values will test your patience. Stay calm and strive to maintain a positive outlook.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
It pays to do your homework in the fiscal arena. Investigate the long-term value or potential success of an investment before sinking your savings into it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Do your best to avoid worrying about feelings or circumstances in a relationship that are out of your control. Take a positive stance and be more accepting.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
A productive work ethic is rewarded. Make every effort to ensure smooth sailing on the job and to make sure that everyone is involved in the solution or process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
With the new moon in your sector for socializing, there will be few lonely or dull moments this week. Surround yourself with loved ones and friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Your domestic situation can be stabilized with loving and harmonious relationships. Make an effort to cooperate with family members and to live in peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
This is an ideal period for comparing notes or exchanging information with associates. Speak up and keep the conversations interesting and lively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
You stand to come out on top financially. Look forward to a raise or expect a timely payment of money owed to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
A fresh, new look or hairstyle is certain to set you apart from the crowd. Do not hesitate to put your best foot forward and be unique in your presentation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Several powerful and important messages are struggling to come through to your conscious awareness. Get quiet and listen to your inner voice.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Your popularity among your associates grows by leaps and bounds. Do not be surprised when an unlikely group of individuals reaches out to you for guidance.

If your birthday is this week:
You are granted a new lease on life as you enter an exciting life cycle. Do not hesitate to cut your losses, turn the corner and proceed to the nearest launching pad for new ideas and concepts. Embrace with enthusiasm and optimism the opportunities that will come your way. Expect some ups and downs in relationships or personal affairs, and work to establish a safe emotional haven in which you can thrive and grow.

Also born this week:
Nicolas Cage, Ami Dolenz, Dave Matthews, Pat Benatar, Amanda Peet, Rush Limbaugh and Julia Louis-Dreyfus

Sudoku!

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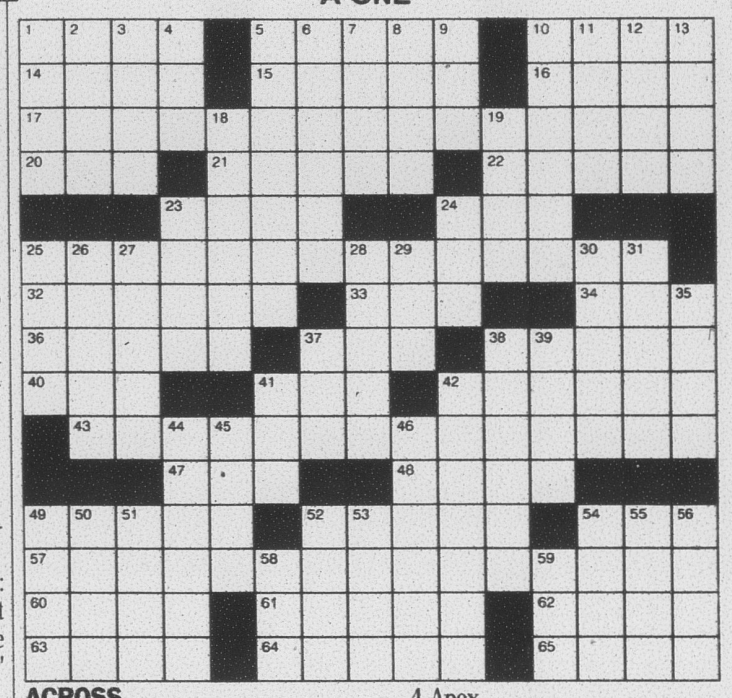

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59 WWII acronym

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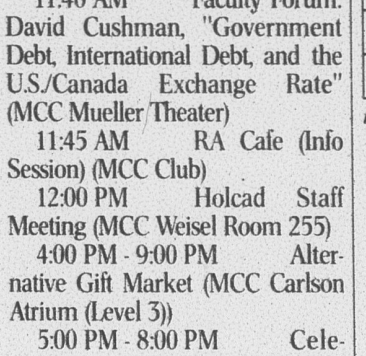

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"The Invasion"

8:00 PM
10:30 PM
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Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

"Much like *Ire Works*"

Dillinger explodes with newest release

The Dillinger Escape Plan - Ire Works

Release Date: November, 13, 2007

Label: Relapse Records

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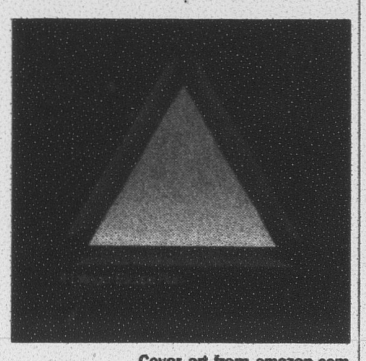
A&E Editor



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"Whew."

After listening to The Dillinger Escape Plan's newest release *Ire Works*, you may say the same thing too.

The band, comprised of vocalist Greg Puciato, drummer Gil Sharone, bassist Liam Wilson and guitarists Ben Weinman and Jeff Tuttle, have always been known as a band who pushes the limits - their 2004 LP Miss Machine was met with acclaim due to their brutal fusion of hardcore and math-rock.

Ire Works, on the other hand, finds the band amplifying their punch-you-in-the-face style of hardcore and exploring their experimental blend of electronics.

The album does not waste any time in introductions, but instead throttles you with finger-breaking guitar riffs and back-breaking blast beats on "Fix Your Face," a song that evokes immediate Converge comparisons.

The album then moves directly into "Lurch," that switches between off-kilter, The Fall of Troy like rhythms and powerful drum-driven breakdowns. However, not every song is a punch-you-in-the-face speed thrashing.

Instead, "Black Bubblegum" takes advantage of vastly different elements from falsetto vocals to a beat-box and even includes a southern-tinged pre-chorus featuring the first hint of singing from Puciato's vocal chords.

What surprised me most, however, was when the chorus hit and Puciato abandoned the southern charm, but instead switched to (gasp!) radio-ready vocals that seemed to be stolen straight from a Saliva record.

Be that as it may, the band delves deeper into the progressive realm with "Sick On Sunday" and soon maneuvers back with viciousness on "Nong Eye Gong," and "82558."

These two songs alternate between "When Acting As A Particle" and "When Acting As A Wave," two linked and brief-but-pleasing Nine Inch Nails infused instrumental tracks, featuring a plethora of electronics.

"Milk Lizard," however, is the album's finest track, complete with slithering guitar riffs accented by horns and hints of piano. The song displays suitable vocal diversity, rotating between screaming and Puciato's impressive ability to sing and sing well.

"Party Smasher" and "Horse Hunter" continue the excitement with more blast-beats and rhythmic guitar lines overtop of the searing shrieking of Puciato. "Dead As History" and "Mouth Of Ghosts," which are by far the albums longest songs, clocking in at 5:27 and 6:47, both feature traces of Spanish guitar the band's tradition of using electronics.

"Mouth Of Ghosts," however, is the better of the two, featuring elegant piano arrangements and exemplifying the record's atmospheric side with its mix of electronics and vocal styles. The song is lovely and acts as a perfect, epic closing for the album.

The Dillinger Escape Plan's *Ire Works* is a spectacular industrial escapade into the world of math rock, hardcore, metal and ambience. The band succeeds in every department, creating a record that is brutal, torturous, angular, off-kilter, fascinating and exciting all at once.

The instrumentation is impressive, with Weinman and Tuttle shredding the mere strings off their guitars and Sharone disassembling his drum kit through his incessant pounding.

This record is a much needed break from today's rehashed metal and hardcore, and it continues to amaze me that a band as talented as The Dillinger Escape Plan can fly so far under the radar and still release records that are this good.

Tracklisting:

1. Fix Your Face
2. Lurch
3. Black Bubblegum
4. Sick On A Sunday
6. Nong Eye Gong
7. When Acting As A Wave
8. 82558
9. Milk Lizard
10. Party Smasher
11. Dead As History
12. Horse Hunter
13. Mouth of Ghosts

Photo from myspace.com

Sounds like: Converge, Nine Inch Nails, Muse

Recommended Tracks: Lurch, Milk Lizard. Party Smasher

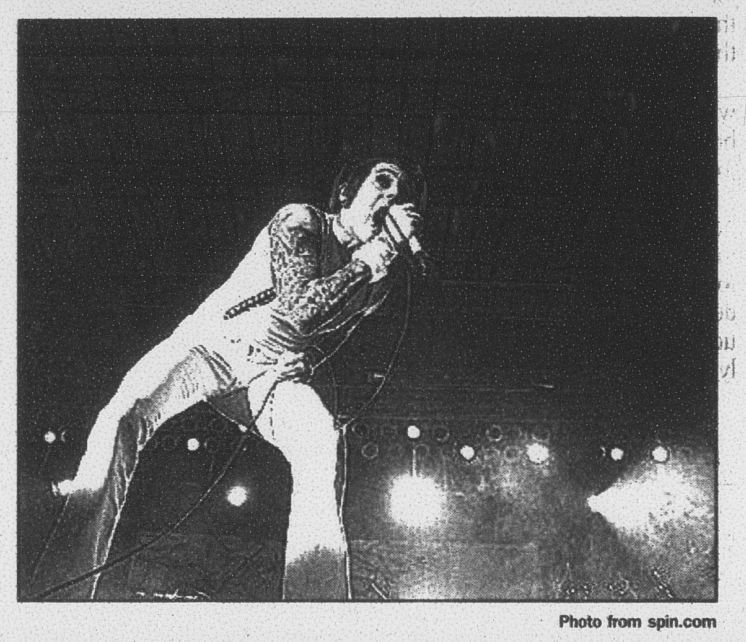
Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to LOST and the Office, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

AFI Live...

The Lineup
Davey Havok - Vocals
Jade Puget - Guitar, Backing vocals, Keyboard,
Hunter Burgan - Bass, Backing vocals, Keyboard
Adam Carson - Drums, Backing vocals

By Max Muska
A&E Writer



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A crowd of 13,000 attended AFI's headlining concert at the Long Beach Arena in California. A recording of the concert, which is the band's biggest to date, was released as a DVD last December and as a live CD on November 13.

As far as live albums go, I *Heard A Voice* is an exceptional recording. The mix is nearly perfect. All instruments and vocals are heard clearly. No one aspect stands out above the others, making the band sound like a unit rather than just solitary musicians playing together on the same stage.

My favorite part of the album is the active crowd participation in almost every song. The crowd sings along during most of the choruses and any time the music gets soft, their screaming voices are heard.

The band played a variety of songs spanning their 16 year career, including six of the 12 songs from their latest studio album, 2006's *Decemberunderground*.

Photo from livedirect.com

The concert started with the song "Prelude 12/21," which is the opening track of the 2006 album. This song is a departure from the band's typical rock sound, drawing influence from electronic goth-rock using synthesizers and a drum machine. The song works very well as a show opener.

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The three songs that follow are "Girl's Not Grey," "The Leaving Song Pt. 2" and "Summer Shudder," which are singles on AFI's studio albums. "Girl's Not Grey" sounds very similar to the album version, but near the end of the song, Havok's voice, as well as the audience's voices, goes horribly out of key.

The following two songs, as well as the majority of the concert's songs, are played almost flawlessly. If the crowd's screams were removed from the mix, it would be hard to distinguish between these live songs and their studio versions.

After the opening tracks and a greeting to the audience, the band played a variety of songs from their albums. Nick 13 of the band Tiger Army has a guest appearance on "A Single Second."

This song is much more punk orientated than the rest of the show, and the guest appearance adds to the angst-ridden song.

Near the end of the show, Havok's voice goes off key more often. This happened a few times during the beginning of the show, but it was not very noticeable.

But due to the yelling and high-pitched singing, his voice began to strain. This, to me, makes the overall album better because it means that the audio heard on the album is the actual concert recording without studio enhancement.

The band ended strongly with their biggest hit, "Miss Murder." The song was performed extremely well. Havok was able to keep his voice in tune the whole time and gave the crowd plenty of opportunities to sing along.

If this recording is anything like a typical AFI show, I will want to see them whenever they are in the area. This is a great album of an outstanding live show.

Live albums never compare to seeing a show in person, though. If you are just now getting into AFI, listen to their studio work first, but any long-time fan will definitely want to add this album to his collection.

Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

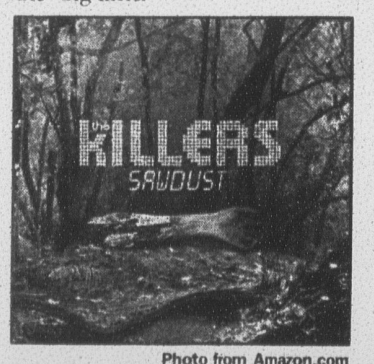
Killers bring B-sides to life on Sawdust

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

After only about four years of being a band, The Killers already decided to put together an album that contains songs that have been written but never heard.

The new album, entitled *Sawdust*, which came out on November 13, has some original songs, covers, unreleased tracks and B-sides. This brings up the question, "Why would a very young band have a record such as this so early?"

Normally, artists such as The Rolling Stones, Beatles and other prolific greats come out with a B-sides album 30 years after they hit the "big time."



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Ben's Rating:

Furthermore, their compilations are mostly aimed toward their loyal fans who would appreciate the tracks. Regardless, The Killers' new album *Sawdust* is still a compilation of songs never experienced before by their fans.

This band from Las Vegas contains four members: Brandon Flowers on synthesizer and vocals, David Keuning on guitar, Mark Storemer on bass and Ronnie Vannucci on drums.

Within the past couple of years, these four have been extremely busy men. Their debut album, entitled *Hot Fuss*, did extremely well and sold more than five million copies.

This record features the top two singles, "Mr. Brightside" and "Somebody Told Me," which have been widely known in the rock and pop genres.

Along with the album, they played over 400 shows throughout the world. When they came back from touring, they did not stop. At that point, they began to put together their second album called *Sam's Town*.

According to the band, *Sam's Town* was very experimental and purposely different from their first album. "When You Were Young" was their top hit from that album. And, of course, most recently, The Killers came out with *Sawdust*.

So why were they in such a hurry? According to islandrecords.com, lead vocalist Brandon Flowers said, "I grew up reading about bands that put out, 10 albums a year. And I have this fascination with being prolific, and it just sucks because the music business is so different now. So we recorded as fast as we could."

Unfortunately I feel like it will take some time for The Killers to become prolific, and their knack for creating a different feel to their songs may be the exact thing they need.

In *Sawdust* they do everything from featuring former Velvet Underground singer/songwriter Lou Reed, adding their own twist to covers, and to cap it off, they have an eight-minute techno version of "Mr. Brightside."

The first track on the album entitled "Tranquilize" features Lou Reed. To me, this track is quite awkward due to Reed's vocals mixed with the synth. It took me a couple listens until I finally began to enjoy it. "Show You How" is one of my favorite tracks on the record.

It begins with Flowers singing a message on an answering machine which eventually segues into the full band. This song definitely highlights Flowers' voice, because I got to hear it without any distortion.

In many songs done by The Killers, they play with his voice causing him to sound haunting; although if that is what they are looking for, that is fine.

In my eyes, too much of a good thing can turn bad. "Romeo and Juliet" is a nice change from their normal sound. This song, previously recorded by Dire Straits, is simply done which allows the lyrics to come out more than ever.

Overall, for a B-sides album, I am extremely impressed. Ok, so The Killers may not be anywhere close to gaining prolific status; however, this album is a quality effort that should not be overlooked.

If you listen to this record, you will find that The Killers have a lot of musical expression that probably has not been heard on their other albums. This album is worth buying.

Photo from www.shoutmouth.com

The Lineup
Brandon Flowers - Vocals, Synth
David Keuning - Guitar
Mark Storemer - Bass
Ronnie Vannucci - Drums

★★★☆☆

Arts & Entertainment

American Gangster impresses viewers as a crime drama

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

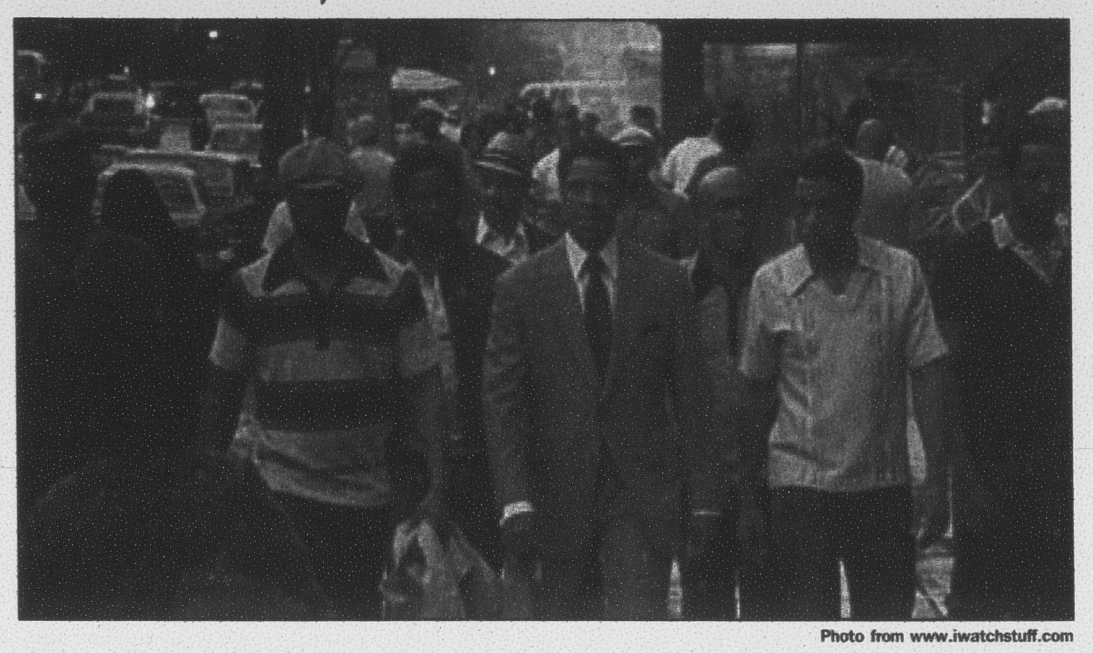
I know it may seem like I have been giving a lot of my recently reviewed movies bad reviews, and well, that's because they weren't that good. Thankfully, I got lucky with my latest movie, American Gangster. Starring Denzel Washington and Russel Crowe, this crime drama about real life drug lord Frank Lucas is easily one of the greatest films I've seen so far this year.

Lucas (Denzel Washington), who is the lackey of a black crime boss, sees an opening for himself to enter the drug business when his boss dies. Smuggling pure heroin direct from Southeast Asia in dead soldiers' coffins, he is able to undercut the prices of other dealers while selling a better product. He recruits his extended family and friends from his home in North Carolina to help him with his drug business. Through strict business practices learned from his old boss, he outgrows the other crime syndicates, becoming the largest heroin dealer in the United States until his conviction in 1976.

Meanwhile, undercover Detective Richie Roberts (Russel Crowe) becomes an outcast to his fellow policemen after he turns in a large sum of unmarked bills. Assured of his integrity, his superiors assign him to the Bureau of Narcotics special task force. Determined to stop the flow of drugs Roberts sets out trying to find where the heroin is coming from. Roberts is stymied until Lucas uncharacteristically exposes himself by attending a high profile boxing match. Finally with a promising lead, Roberts begins to find the evidence necessary to convict Lucas, even though his superiors find it unbelievable that a black man was able to top white crime syndicates in the drug business.

What is most interesting about this movie is that the story is true, and the two enemies eventually became friends. Lucas bargained his way to a more lenient sentence by offering his assistance prosecuting corrupt police and other drug dealers. One of the best scenes in the film is when Roberts is interviewing Lucas and Lucas realizes he has lost and decides to cooperate with Roberts.

If anything was well chosen for the production of this film, it was the cast. As Roberts and Lucas, Crowe and Washington gave great performances. Although it is unusual to see Denzel Washington play a villain, he played Frank Lucas with an icy cold stare that is hard to doubt on screen. Lucas was a strict businessman, and Washington played the role with ease. As the uncorruptable



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Roberts, Crowe also gave a very convincing performance. Another role worth mentioning is the snake-like corrupt NYPD Det. Trupo played marvelously by Josh Brolin.

One might say that the film is rather long at two hours and forty minutes, but I did not find any part of the film to be particularly dull. This certainly was not a "shoot-em-up" action movie, as there was only one real "shootout" in the entire film. The length of the film was definitely necessary to tell the complete story and director Ridley Scott did a fine job telling this tale of crime and corruption. I'd definitely recommend seeing American Gangster if you are interested because it is one of the best films in theaters at the moment. Four out of five stars.

Alicia Keys isn't no one

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

Alicia Keys' third album recently came out in it she proved she was not "No One" with her first released hit from the album. Key's delivers the exact R&B/soul music that you would expect her to.

It does not matter if you're a fan or not if you have ears you'll love this album. It seriously is one of the best I've listened to, the music flows from one song to the next extremely well.

She really starts it off with "Go Ahead" which has a really good beat to get the album started. Showing off her amazing piano skills

Most of you have heard either on TV or on the radio her most recent release from the album "No One". She really shows her true talent using the wide range of her voice throughout the song and makes you really believe that no one "can get in the way of how" she feels.

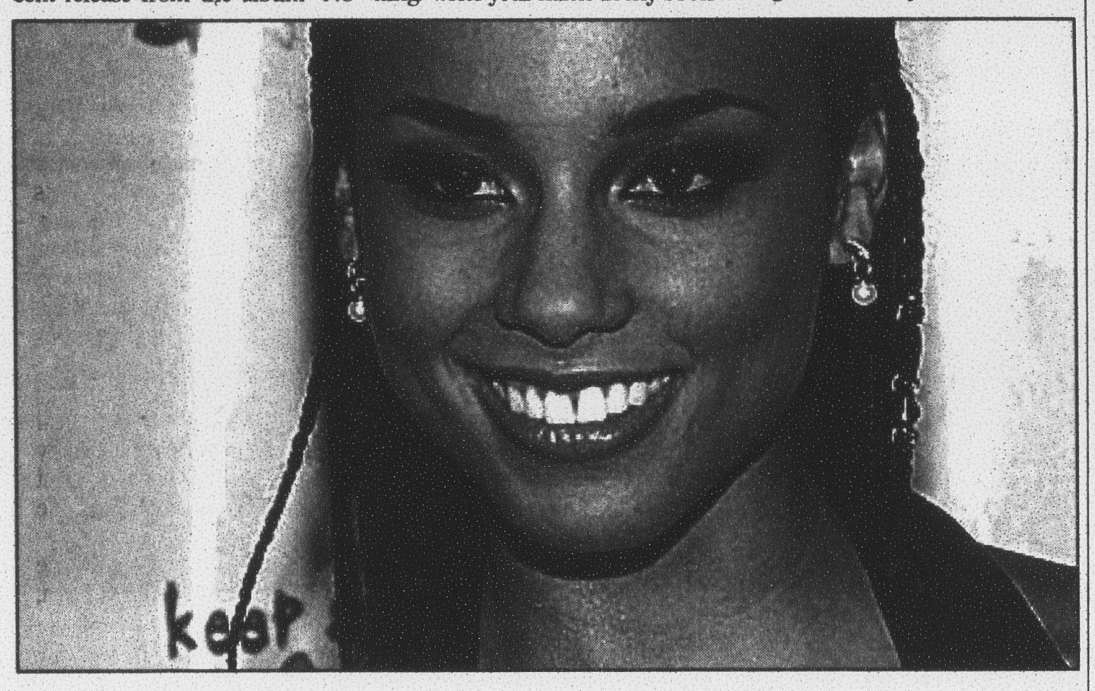
Even John Mayer comforts her in "Lesson Learned" telling her "it's alright, it's alright." Not only does he make an appearance in the album but so does Linda Perry.

Her beautiful strong voice comes through carrying emotion throughout especially in "Wreckless Love" which is my favorite song in the album. It really makes you feel the same emotion as she is describing.

She takes us back to the moments of our first love in "Teenage Love Affair." Any of us can visualize and feel the excitement through the lyrics "want you to be my first my last my end my beginning/ write your name in my book your last name my first I'm your misses."

Keys definitely has a S on her chest throughout the album. If you like her sound I recommend you also check out the sounds of Esthero, Emiliana Torrino, Kate Voegele and Schuyler Fisk.

Tracks:
1. As I Am (intro)
2. Go Ahead
3. Superwoman
4. No One
5. Lesson Learned
6. Wreckless Love
7. That's the Thing About Love
8. Teenage Love Affair
9. I Need You
10. Where Do We Go From Here
11. Prelude to a Kiss
13. Tell You Something (Nana's reprise)
14. Sure Looks Good To Me



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TV recaps

Grey's Anatomy *doctors relate to high schoolers involved in a bus crash, salute band geeks*

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

This episode of *Grey's* is filled with high school drama, with both patients and doctors. Izzy and George are acting childish and uncomfortable together and not speaking.

Dr. Bailey gets distracted from her workload on her first day back as Chief Resident when a high school sweetheart is admitted to the hospital and nearly gets in a lot of trouble.

Christina is a told by Torrez that she is brown-nosing Dr. Hahn and needs to step back if she wants the respect she craves. This is a tough task for Christina as she realizing it isn't in her nature to "step back".

She pulls it off and finally begins to gain a morsel of respect from Dr. Hahn. Their relationship is starting to look better.

Also, Meredith and Lexi get in a fight over their father who showed up to the hospital drunk. Meredith thinks he is changing because he was being so nice to her, but Lexi says it was only because he was drunk and he just says things.

Two high school kids are sent to the hospital after a deadly school bus crash. One is a captain of the "Pom Pom" squad (described as, like cheerleaders but also dancers), and the other a kid who is considered as one of the gothic-type "freaks" of the school who is regarded as "weird".

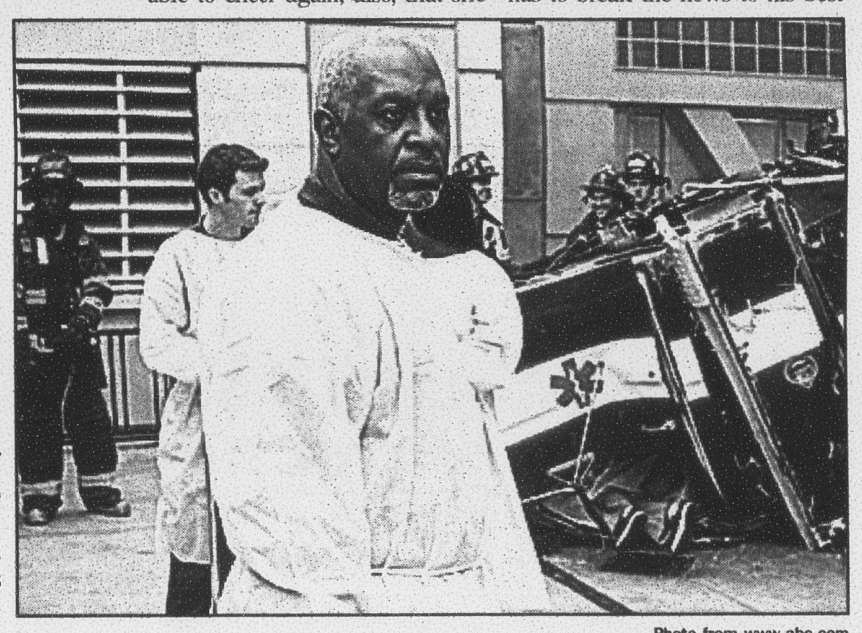
The girl received a major cut on her face and a broken leg and badly injured butt. The whole episode she and her snooty popular friends are freaking out because she might not recover properly and be able to cheer again; also, that she won't be beautiful anymore after her plastic surgery and her homecoming dance date might decide not to take her to the dance anymore. High school girls…

The "weird" kid got a pencil lodged right through his eye into his brain. He was accompanied by his best friend Marissa who stood by his side the whole episode.

These two "odd" kids showed us the true meaning of friendship and the compassion for each other that the Pom Pom girls could not, considering that they were only concerned about their materialistic thoughts instead of the fear of losing a best friend.

The pencil kid's operation goes terribly wrong when a major vein in his brain bursts and he is sent into a lifelong coma. Dr. Sheperd has to break the news to his best friend and she breaks down and cries as the Pom Pom girls continue with their materialistic problems.

At the end of the episode we also find out that most of the Doctors were not prom queens, "band geeks", or did not have dates to the prom.



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Family Guy's Peter expresses views on illegal immigrants

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

This week on *Family Guy*, Peter becomes quite patriotic during a "honor the veterans" parade. He comes to the conclusion that he is sick of illegal immigrants in the US and wants to get them out.

He starts by suggesting to his boss that they should do a background check on all their employees and fire them if they are illegally living in the US.

Peter then visits his mother to get his birth certificate to prove that he is a valid citizen. But we find out that Peter himself is an illegal immigrant.

His mom tells him that she got when she got pregnant with him she tried to get an abortion in Mexico. This story leads to a cut scene that shows Mrs. Griffin going into a Mexican abortion clinic.

The method of abortion for the clinic has her hung up like a pinata while a group of young Mexican kids hit her with bats, but as they are doing this Peter pops out of her and is therefore born in Mexico.

Mrs. Griffin didn't want people in her town to look down on her so she never filled out the papers to gain Peter's citizenship in the US.

So Peter gets fired and is forced to find work that stereotypical illegal immigrants do, which involves Peter becoming a Nanny. This job becomes unfit for Peter when he accidentally kills the kids he is babysitting.

Peter then tries to take a citizenship test but completely fails when he doesn't know the answer to simple questions like "who discovered America", and fill in the blank- "Land of the Free, Home of the_____" (his answer was Whopper).

So Lois finds Peter a job working at her dad's mansion where he has a whole slew of illegal immigrants already employed.

Peter's first job is to show Lois's dad his loyalty by drinking a vial of his diabetic blood.

There is a Cinco de Mayo party that all the workers are participating is, but Lois' dad shuts it down and tells them that it isn't an American holiday and they don't get a day off during the week.

Peter becomes enraged and rallies up the immigrants to charge the mansion and take it over.

Lois's dad bargains with Peter by telling him he has a friend at the White House that can push a few papers and get Peter his citizenship. Peter takes up his offer and gets the citizenship he thought he always had.

Tune in this Sunday at 9 on Fox for another new episode.

Features

The blessings in disguise

Wanting what you never wanted to happen

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

This past week was obviously Thanksgiving. I, like many others, went home and spent the holiday with my family.

My three nieces were running around in circles with my younger brother and sister. My cousins' kids were in on the game as well. My uncles and aunts and grandma sat talking over pie. My mom and I cooked and served up the food, making us everyone's favorite people of the day.

All in all, despite the dysfunctions that happen at any family function, the day gave me that warm, fuzzy feeling inside. The kind of feeling you would get if you were a peach in a microwave.

Not to get all Hallmark on everyone, but I am blessed. Do I have the ideal life? I do not in any way, shape, or form. However, that does not mean that I should not count the positives in my life. They far out number the negatives.

I have family members that sincerely love me. They want the best for me. They may not always know how to express this love, but underneath all the barriers you can see it shine through.

I have the greatest friends. I do not think I would survive college life if I did not have them. Whether it is laying on a sorority sister's dorm room floor exasperated with life at the moment, a friend who is willing to take me on Friday night dates while my boyfriend is in Italy, or just a friend I can call to go out on Saturday nights, I have them waiting in line. They are always there for me.

My sister and my boyfriend are my best friends. While this seems like no big deal to me, I realize not everyone can say the same.

No matter what way I look at my life. I come out looking blessed. The above things are just a few for which I am extremely grateful.

However, the funny part is that a lot of the happiness in my life has stemmed from unexpected situations and dreams that "have not worked out."

For a large portion of my high school career I swore I wanted to go Duquesne University. It was "perfect" for me. It was not until I came here that I realized how not perfect it was. Honestly, if I had not come here, I would have missed out on so much including, but not limited to, my boyfriend, my roomie, my sorority sisters, my jobs, and all my organizations.

Granted this is just a surface level example. However, think past this. Do you remember that boy or girl you swore was meant for you and you were dying for them to go out with you? But of course it did not work out and you were mad. Then, down the road you met someone so much better that you did not know what you were thinking back then.

Or do you remember party in high school that your parents did not let you go to because the weather was bad? You were furious at them and told them you would not talk to them ever again. Then, the car you were supposed to be in was in an accident. Where would you be now if you were in that car?

There are numerous examples I could give of things I am extremely glad did not work out because either something greater came along or my life benefited from it.

It is like Garth Brooks sings in his song "Unanswered Prayers,"

"Sometimes I thank God for unanswered prayers

Remember when you're talkin' to the man upstairs

That just because he doesn't answer doesn't mean he don't care

Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers"

Sometimes not everything works out the way we want at the time. However, your life can change forever, and for the better, by just one thing not going the way you choose. Be grateful for the things that do not go right. They make the ones that do seem so much more special. More than that, maybe you will be led to something to something ten times greater just because you did not get what you wanted. Just remember the future is yet to come. Give thanks for that.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Titan Traverse to host Ladies Night climbing

By Laurel Sprague
Campus Writer

Westminster's Titan Traverse is having a Ladies Night at the climbing wall on Nov. 28 in the field house.

Starting at 7:30 p.m., female students will have the opportunity to climb the rock wall and learn the skills for proper rock climbing.

"The point of Ladies Night is to offer a time that women can come and climb and not feel intimidated," said Laura Nystrom, director of Titan Traverse.

The event is strictly for ladies only. Both supervisors that night will be female as well. Veronica Geretz, one of the supervisors that night, believes that students should take advantage of the climbing wall.

"It's a really nice thing to take advantage of," said Geretz, "It's a rare thing to have on small campuses."

The rock climbing wall opened last year through funding by Titan Traverse. After being approved, the parts for the wall sat in storage for five years before being assembled in the field house.

"We just didn't have the man power," said Geretz.

Although funding for the wall came from Titan Traverse, the money was technically given from the students themselves through various payments towards activities at the college.

"It's something everyone technically paid for," said Geretz.

Some students have become regular climbers at the rock wall. Brad Adams, a sophomore Business major, climbs the wall almost on a regular basis.

"The quickest I've done it is 14 seconds," said Adams.

Adam's regular participation at the rock climbing wall earned him the privilege of training to be a belay for Titan Traverse. A belay is a person who protects the climber from falling using a rope.

"After three sessions of doing it I was certified," said Adams. "Now I'm training to be a supervisor because they need more.

The climbing wall is open weekly on Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Titan Traverse plans on having a Beginners Night on December 6th to teach students the basics of rock climbing.

A Christmas treat you can eat or hang on the tree

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

With Thanksgiving behind us, we've again experienced and remembered all of the family food traditions that will probably follow us into the winter holiday season. The family atmosphere (whether you have a few visitors or a family tree full of cousins), the food, the seating chart (whether you end up at the "adult table" or the "kiddy table"), and of course, the dangerous day of the year known as Black Friday.

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is its own holiday of mass hysteria. Black Friday, aptly named for its description of both the time of day shoppers leave for bargains and the emotion of the Grove City Outlet Mall employees, is (in my opinion) more frightening than Halloween. Nobody is wearing a mask, but the greedy glint in the eye of any hardcore middle-aged shopper is enough to scare any inexperienced bargain hunter away from the clearance rack. In my case, it was the cookie mix shelf. Among the veteran Black Friday shoppers, I found myself squeezing down the aisles of Wal-Mart in search of this week's ingredients. I was blocked, shunted, and nearly stepped on a few times. It wasn't until I reached the canned icing that I was in the middle of the full-contact sport of bargain shopping. I did manage to collect all of my ingredients without sustaining any long-term physical damage, though.

These Holiday Cookie Ornaments are the perfect gifts for someone who really has everything, even if you've ventured out on Black Friday to find the perfect gift.

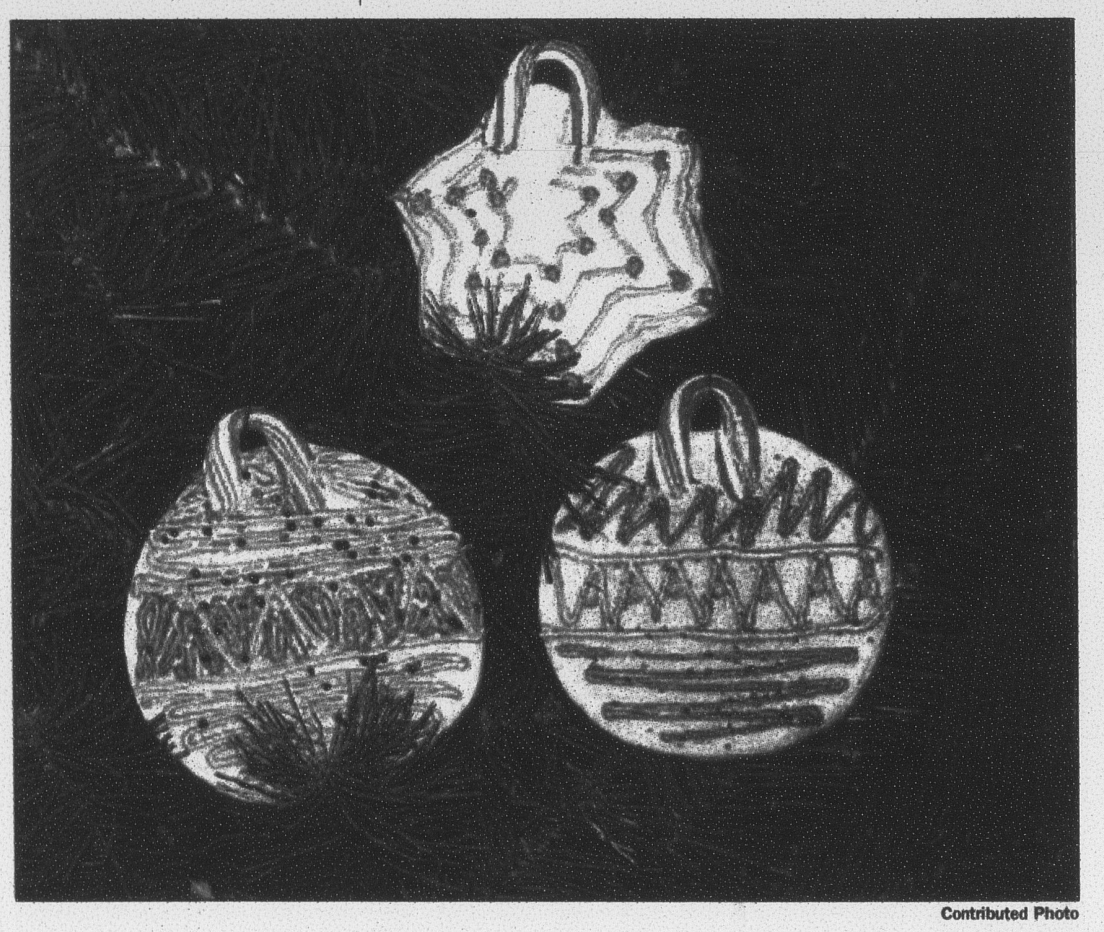
Holiday Cookie Ornaments:
Difficulty Level: Easier than resolving to wake up at five in the morning to go shopping.

Ingredients:
1 pouch sugar cookie mix
1/3 cup butter or margarine
2 Tablespoons flour
36 small candy canes
1 can white icing
Food coloring
Plastic sandwich baggies (optional)

Follow the mixing directions on the package of sugar cookies, using the egg, butter, and flour (the amount of these ingredients may change depending on the kind of cookie mix you use). Use cookie cutters to create Christmas trees, ornaments, stars, snowflakes, or any kind of holiday shapes. Line a cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper and place your holiday cookies on top. Cook them for five minutes at the appropriate temperature. While these cook, cut off the tops of the candy canes–these will be the hook for each of the cookies, allowing them to be hung from a Christmas tree. After the five minutes of cooking are up, take your cookies out of the oven and press one candy cane hook onto the front of each cookie. Bake these for one to two more minutes, allowing the cookie to harden around it. Carefully remove the cookies from the oven and allow them to cool for about 20 minutes.

Now you can get creative with the cookies using the icing and food coloring. Use plastic food baggies with a tiny cut at the tip to squeeze colored icing out of. After you've exhausted your decorating skills on all 36 cookies, let the icing harden so you can create an edible Christmas theme on your dorm room tree.

Makes about 36 cookies, or enough for one person's midnight snack after a long day of holiday shopping.
Cost: about $5.50



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Helpful Tip: If you happen to make these at home, keep them off the lower branches of your tree. This will keep pets and younger siblings from eating your creations and guarantee you a fair share of the holiday snacks.

Students without borders:A Scotish adventure

By Amanda Miller
Features Writer

Haggis Adventures guided tours offers an amazing three-day, sight-packed excursion to Northern Scotland, which is truly unforgettable. From ruined castles and hairy coos, amazing mountains and cliff edges, to legends from a local Scotsman about faeries and Robert the Bruce, this tour gives a great taste of Scotland for travelers of any interest.

Haggis tours offer cheap guided tours of different areas of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The tours range from a day trip to an eight-day journey. The one I partook in this past weekend, called Skye High, was a three-day tour of northern Scotland, beginning in Edinburgh and traveling as far north as the Isle of Skye and the city of Inverness. Along the way, we stopped at many amazing sights, several of which are tucked away spots, not normally seen by the average tourist.

On our first day, our tour guide Tom, a local from Edinburgh, told us facts and stories about his beautiful hometown. We first stopped at the Wallace Monument in Stirling, a nearby city. This monument is a large structure dedicated to William Wallace. Tom corrected many of the mistaken facts about this Scottish icon presented in Braveheart and also proudly told us stories about different Scottish battles against the English during Wallace's time.

We then drove through the picturesque Glencoe, stopping occasionally to take in the beautiful views, ranging from waterfalls to mountains to lochs (the Scottish equivalent of "lakes"). Along the way, Tom told us stories about different Scottish clans that lived in this area and some of their history.

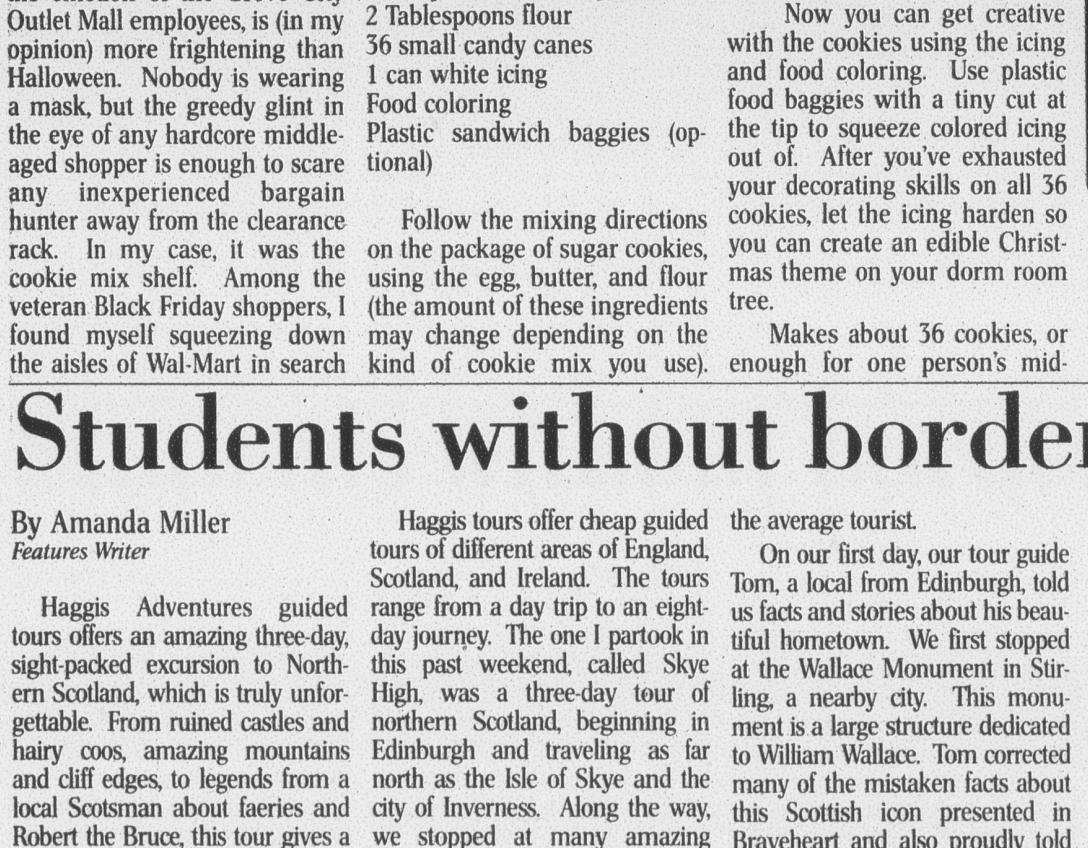
That night, we saw a reconstructed early Scottish home and heard about how a traditional family would have lived, dressed, and eaten. Back at the hostel, a local singer came and played some Scottish music with his guitar and mandolin.

On our second day, the weather was rainy, but we pushed northward to the mysterious Isle of Skye. Tome told us local superstitious stories, showed us where the faeries live, and took us to a windy cliff top called Kilt Rock. Even though the weather was not ideal, it created an atmosphere for Tom's mystical stories and added mystery to the island.

Our third day began with a drive along the giant Loch Ness, while Tom told us about the various strange animals that live in its black waters, including 10 meter long eels. He of course also talked about the fondly named "Nessie" monster and the many stories surrounding this much-sought-after creature. We stopped for pictures and also saw the remains of Urqhat Castle which stands on the shores of Loch Ness.

We then went to Culloden Battlefield, where Tom proudly told us about the Jacobite battle which took place there in 1746 between Scotland and England. This was a strange and almost reverent place, knowing that we stood where so many had died.

This tour proved to be informative, fun, and packed with more sights than I can recount. Haggis tours are great for seeing large areas of the United Kingdom, getting stories from local guides, and for meeting people from all over the world. They are perfect weekend getaways and are a good deal for any traveler.



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Amanda Miller walks around the ruins of an old Scotish home.

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Amanda Miller takes a picture of The Northern Scotland landscape.

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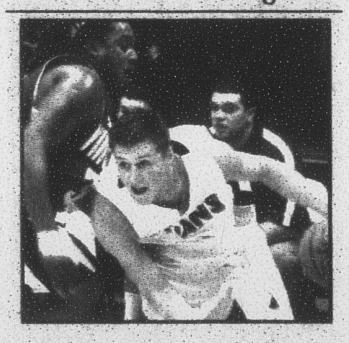

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The number of shopping days left until Christmas!

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Friday

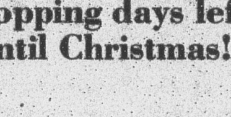
Rain/Snow Showers
37/27

Saturday

Mostly Cloudy
36/25

Sunday

Few Showers
44/39



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Presidential candidate answers questions

By Becky Penn
Campus Writer

When President Williamson retires at the end of the school year, Dr. Richard Dorman hopes to fill his shoes.

Dorman, who is one of three finalists for the position of president, spoke to the campus on Monday, Nov. 26. In addition to sessions held for the faculty and administration, SGA President Carsen Nesbitt hosted a question and answer session for the students to meet the man who could become their next president. Dorman answered questions from several of the 41 students who were present.

"My one objective is to help students get a great education," Dorman said. "It's all about the students."

Dorman has been the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, since 1996. He has also served as the Assistant Vice President for Development and the Director of the Health Sciences Department at the University of Louisville as well as the Assistant Executive Director for both Special Programs and Alumni Relations at Penn State.

Dorman has degrees in music education and counseling, and his doctorate is in higher education administration.

"I have a breadth of experience throughout higher education, and I'm fortunate that I didn't come up through a single channel," Dorman said. "I can bring together all of these experiences to work for you, and I hope to have that opportunity."

Many of the questions that the students asked had to deal with Dorman's views on student life and diversity at the college level. Sophomore Becca Ruppert and senior Jeremy Lawler asked questions about diversity. Both were concerned about the lack of ethnic and geographic diversity on campus. Dorman said that he believes that diversity is one of the great issues facing education today.

"Your life on campus is enriched when there are people with different backgrounds than you," Dorman said.

Dorman also fielded questions about the importance of Greek life on a college campus. While he was not in a fraternity himself, Dorman has experience with Greek life because his son is a brother in Phi Kappa Tau and was president of IFC at Miami University of Ohio. Dorman encourages Greek life and the influence it has on a college community.

"I was impressed with his knowledge and appreciation of Greek life, even though he was an independent during his college years," said Ruppert, who is a Phi Mu sister. "The fact that his son is Greek gives him a greater understanding of the Greek system than some presidents have."

Sophomore Tricia Homonai expressed frustration with the Internet service, saying that she had multiple assignments due in the next few days and had been unable to access the Internet all day to work on them. Dorman said that if he becomes president, he would make fixing this issue a high priority. He also said that he would look into budgeting for the library, after a student complained that most of the books were too old for proper research.

Photo by Nicky Piszczor

Interacting with the students

College Presidential hopeful, Dr. Richard Dorman, answered questions from several of the 41 students who attended the event on Monday, Nov. 26.

Not all of the students were satisfied with Dorman's answers. Junior David Dean is skeptical about Dorman's ability to follow through on his plans and the statements he made to the students.

"He certainly seems like a nice guy; however I don't know if I would feel comfortable with him as president of the college," Dean said. "He was asked a lot of questions, some of them very good and important questions. In his responses I kept listening for plans, ideas or opinions on how to address these issues, but I didn't hear any."

The second finalist for the presidential opening, Dr. Jeffrey F. Bullock, spoke to the campus on Friday, Nov. 30. Bullock is the current president at the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa. The third finalist will speak to the campus on Friday, Dec. 7. The candidate's name will be released as soon as the candidacy can be made public.

SGA President Carsen Nesbitt will be casting the student body vote when the final decision is made. Students who have comments or opinions about the presidential finalists are encouraged to contact Nesbitt.

Broadcast Communications department takes new strides with New Castle parade coverage

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

For the first time ever Westminster's Broadcast Communications Department broadcasted live from the New Castle Light Up Night parade.

The Westminster Cable Network (WCN) aired live coverage of the event, which took place last Thursday, Nov. 15th at 7 p.m.

"It was a good experience because it was our first year broadcasting the parade live on WCN," junior broadcast communications major Nate Dodd said. "The weather was a little uncooperative, but overall we had a successful broadcast."

The telecast aired locally on New Wilmington's channel 9 and Comcast's channel 10.

"For the first ever live broadcast of the event, I think things went very well," senior broadcast communications major Jill Carle said. "It was a lot of preparation in the days prior to Light Up Night, but all was well worth it in the end because the crew members put together an amazing final product."

Throughout the night Dodd was even able to gain some experience with live reporting.

"It was my first time reporting live on the scene and I had a lot of fun," Dodd said. "It was very interesting and a lot of the people were very excited to be interviewed on camera, so it was a really good experience."

Other students had similar experiences during the night.

"I took a mini-disc recorder and went through the crowd to get interviews," senior broadcast communications major Doug Kunst said. "It was a cold, rainy, and mostly miserable night, but I was really surprised at how many people showed up for the parade."

Due to the weather some unanticipated problems did occur during the night; however the students and faculty worked around the various situations.

"There were bugs to work out, such as before the parade only about 500 people were standing around waiting, but then right before the parade started all these people came from everywhere," broadcast communications professor Bradley Weaver said. "So many people showed up right then that we had to move the cameras because our view was blocked by all the umbrellas."

Carle, who directed the broadcast, thought that overall the night went fairly well even with the cold and rainy weather.

"We ran into some problems with the spectators being in the way of some of the cameras shots, but that just means that the event coordinators did a great job putting on a wonderful evening of activities, drawing a large crowd even on such a cold, rainy night," Carle said.

Aside from having to deal with filming in the rain, other students faced various other difficulties related to broadcasting live.

"I ran the graphics, so I got to stay inside the truck during the broadcast," senior PR major and media arts minor Kelly Corbin said. "I had to troubleshoot a lot because the order of the parade was changed, so I had to do a lot of the stuff on the spot."

Corbin was glad that she was assigned to work graphics for the event.

"I got to stay nice and warm inside the truck instead of being out in the cold and rain," Corbin said.

Overall, the students and faculty thought the event went well.

"I was really surprised with the amount of effort that went into the night," Kunst said. "They even had fireworks at the end."

Weaver agrees that both the efforts that went into the live broadcast, as well as the parade made the night a success.

"The crowd clearly appreciated the broadcast and were really excited that we were there," Weaver said.

SIFE members participate in competition

Photo by Mandie Zoller

From left to right: Matt Saines, Brett Turk, Louis Simeone, and Nate Capello.

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Layout Editor

Four members of the college's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) group traveled to Virginia Beach, Va. last month to compete in a financial case study competition at Regent University.

Group members, Matt Saines, Louis Simeone, Brett Turk, and SIFE president Nate Capello placed third in the competition, which was held November 1-3. David Smith, SIFE advisor and assistant professor of accounting, accompanied the group on the trip.

The team was given a hypothetical situation to solve using business and financial strategies. Although the team was made up of all guys, ironically, their case study centered around a recently divorced woman, trying to establish financial independence. They were given 36 hours to research and prepare a presentation about the scenario. Capello and his teammates found it to be quite a challenge.

"We spent about 20 hours in a computer lab doing research, calling hospitals, banks, real estate agents, and retrieving background information," Capello said.

All the schools were provided with the same case study scenario and needed to develop a comprehensive retirement plan. The Westminster chapter put together a plan that would help the hypothetical woman utilize her local resources, increase her earnings, save for her retirement, and maintain a handle on her expenses. According to Capello, the group competed against schools from all over the country and some were much larger.

"Some other SIFE chapters we competed against were from Virginia Tech and Wisconsin University," Capello said.

The group presented the solutions to their scenario via PowerPoint on Sunday, Nov. 3 to a panel of judges. The group knew the judges would be looking for certain aspects such as how realistic the plan was and how clearly it was presented. Simeone recalls the challenges of presenting.

"We weren't allowed to watch other groups present before us, "Simeone said. "We had to memorize the entire thing beforehand and presented for 19 minutes; all four of us took turns speaking."

The group credits the college's business curriculum for helping them to earn a significant place at the competition. Saines recalls specific classes that he used as a reference for the research.

"Between finances, business organization, and tax accounting, we wouldn't have done nearly as well without those classes," Saines said.

Simeone also feels the material learned through his classes as well as the SIFE competition can easily be applied to real life situations.

"It is all about personal finance," Saines said. "It's good to start planning for a better financial life before it's too late; I think our scenario could happen to anyone."

SIFE often uses the knowledge gained from competition and classes to better the community. Each year, the organization assists local businesses, lectures at local high schools, and participates in college activities in order to inform others of the importance of having a basic understanding of business and finances.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

AAAHHHHH!!

Our tree isn't decorated yet!

Capstone makes me nervous.

No stirfry? Are you serious?

Hobnob is not my friend.

Icy sidewalks of death!

You have my permission to withdraw.

Who will the top male model be? Hmm...

I can't concentrate. Ack.

We finished the dance! No more injuries!

Do you have a flag?

School until you're 30 is not a good plan.

Oooooo! It's sparkly!!

I heart Christmas music. Muahaha.

Farewell, dear TUB worker. We'll miss you!

Good luck to the capstone people!

Just spent the entire weekend on the phone.

Last night class ever!

I almost went to my canceled class. Ha.

What's the plan, Stan?

Two queen sized beds, please.

Happy Hanukkah!

I long for a grapefruit.

I've just seen a face...

Last week of classes! Yay!!

You should go see "Common Ground." Yes, you.

FINALLY. After 3 months!

Um, we break crates at Newman Club.

Oh, mi cielo. What will I do without you?

SNOWWWWW!!!!!

Let's Talk About: Christmas

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

Almost everyone agrees that the holiday season is probably the best time of year. It's definitely my favorite.

I know everyone is super stressing right now. All of my fellow seniors and I are frantically attempting to finish our capstone projects, all students are worrying about our upcoming finals (one week!), and all of us must still work and attend various meetings. It's enough to make anyone scream, let alone enjoy the pre-Christmas festivities.

So this week, I wanted to write something that might help my readers de-stress a little bit and enjoy the holiday season, but I have yet to figure out how to do that for myself. So, instead of doing my homework, I Googled some Christmas stories and jokes and picked my favorite poem parody. It definitely applies to our lives right now, so enjoy!

"Twas the night before finals, and all through the college, the students were praying for last-minute knowledge.

"Most were quite sleepy, but none touched their beds, while visions of essays danced in their heads.

"Out in the taverns, a few were still drinking, and hoping the liquor would loosen up their thinking.

"In my own apartment, I had been pacing, and dreading exams I soon would be facing.

"My roommate was speechless; her nose in her books, and my comments to her drew unfriendly looks.

"I drained all the coffee and brewed a new pot, no longer caring that my nerves were shot.

"I stared at my notes, but my thoughts were muddy. My eyes went a blur. I just couldn't study.

"'Some pizza might help,' I said with a shiver, but each place I called refused to deliver.

"I'd nearly concluded that life was too cruel, with futures depending on grades made in school.

"When all of a sudden, our door opened wide, and Patron Saint Put-It-Off ambled inside.

"His spirit was careless, his manner was mellow. He started to bellow:

"'Your teachers have pegged you, so just do your best! Happy Finals to All, and to All a good test!"

I know it's not too funny, but still. Don't stress too much about next week, and everyone will do well.

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful holiday season, and we'll talk some more in 2008!

Allison Houser is a senior PR major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She and her roommate plot how to best dispose of all the inflatable lawn decorations of the world.

The Weekly Glop: Sigh...

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glopper

I honestly cannot believe what I have been witnessing since I have started writing these columns. I have written things that should offend all of my readers. I don't mean personally, I mean that you should all be outraged; yet there has been no response.

Maybe it is merely because I don't have many readers, but someone that has been reading must have noticed something that I have written in the columns.

Does it outrage no one that professors are retiring and they are not being replaced? According to my sources the board of trustees hasn't even been consulted on this issue but the plan has nonetheless already been put into motion. Why is it that no one cares that the school is out for their own agenda not for your education?

How are the classes that need to be taught going to be covered? Perhaps we could not build the new football stadium? This will never fly with the administration because they have to get the schools attendance up.

Obviously the lack of incoming freshmen is an issue, but does it not make you furious to know that your education is being sacrificed for the numbers? You won't be able to take all of the classes you want, because there will not be enough professors to teach them.

What about the lack of speakers that are coming to the school. The financial advisor just cut the budget for this by a large percentage. Now not only is there no money going towards guest speakers they are also taking some away. Maybe I'm out of line being annoyed by this though; after all we might need new uniforms.

If none of this annoys you enough to care and write letters with your own outrage, then perhaps I will bring up some of my predecessors points from last years Holcad staff. I was trying to avoid things such as YPS and diversity because I thought they were overdone. But perhaps this is what people like to read about.

First I'll talk about YPS. The premise is a good idea; try to encourage new students from further distances to come to Westminster. The shame of it is that there are very few students from outside of the OH/PA area at this school, let alone here from YPS scholarships. I haven't been to any YPS sponsored events lately, have you? Please write a letter to the editor and explain why you get the college's money and I don't.

What about diversity? I have people at the activities fair telling freshmen not to approach the feminist club booth because they are bra burners and man haters. How can you be so thick and childish to tell that to incoming freshmen? Encourage diversity! If you don't agree with an organization then don't attend the meetings or bash them in the privacy of your own immature group of friends. Don't try to indoctrinate freshmen with your idiocy.

I hope some of you got angry because the point of this article was to incense you. Try to care a little about your own life and education. Write and tell me why I was wrong about YPS or correct about the diversity issue. Do anything to get involved in your own life and don't let all the decisions be made for you.

When you leave Westminster some of you won't have your parents to pay your bills while all your money goes to the liquor store. Why don't you start taking care of yourself now instead of later? Get involved in your education, so that when you leave here you will be ready to face the outside world from the comfort of your own home rather than that of your parents.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our Mother Fair Fails to Foster Maturity

I would like to take the opportunity to discuss something with all of you Holcad readers–the subject of responsibility. My concern is with this campus and how it treats its students. The campus environment, a microcosm that should prepare us for 'real' life, does not.

When students arrive here they are 18 year old legal adults, and most will reach 21 their junior or senior years, as I did. We tackle the everyday problems that are faced by adults all over the nation: Working, managing money, paying bills, serving in jury duty, cooking, and doing laundry. Moreover, we tackle these challenges while taking a full course load.

In my eyes, everywhere outside of Westminster College treats us as adults. But it seems that Mother 'Fair' Westminster does not believe that we can take care of ourselves.

According to state law, anyone who is 21 is allowed to consume alcohol. Debate as you will whether that is a good thing or not, but that is not the scope of this discussion. 21 year olds can choose to have a drink at a bar or in their homes–unless those 21 year olds live here. We are not allowed to have or consume alcohol in the places we live most of the year. If found by an RA, a student can look forward to being forced to dump the alcohol in his/her possession and receiving a fine, usually for more than the bottle or case cost in the first place.

"Oh, but this is a dry campus," some of you might say, or "We want to foster an environment conducive to learning," the administration dictates. On paper this campus is dry but in reality it is not. I also checked the student codes of some colleges that are within driving distance of our campus. Allegheny, Chatam, Thomas Moore, Washington and Jefferson, Baldwin-Wallace, and the University of Pittsburgh all have provisos in their student codes that allow people who are 21 to have permissible amounts of alcohol in their rooms or apartments. The last time I checked, these colleges are great 'learning environments' that produce exceptional students.

So what is standing in my way of having a beer while I watch a Penguins game? It is the parental attitude of the campus shaking its finger at me. Maybe these policies stem from a paranoia that this campus will devolve into a 'party school.' But the last time I looked, there were parties off campus just about every weekend anyway.

A typical response is: "Those are off campus, and you have the chance to live off campus." Perhaps, but I am sure everyone will agree that the off campus lottery is hardly enough of a chance for a good majority of us to escape living on campus.

And the fact that there are large parties occurring a stones-throw away from Hoyt or Patterson makes me wonder why that is 'off campus' and my townhouse, which is a 5 minute walk from any academic building, is 'on campus.'

I am not attempting to prove that alcohol is a good thing. Nor am I denying that some people can and will go out of control. I am saying, however, that the world outside the 'Westminster bubble' acknowledges that adults have the right to make good or bad decisions and live with the consequences.

I believe that the men and women of this campus deserve that same right. Westminster's goal is to produce intelligent adults: it is about time they treated us that way.

Andrew Miller
Senior

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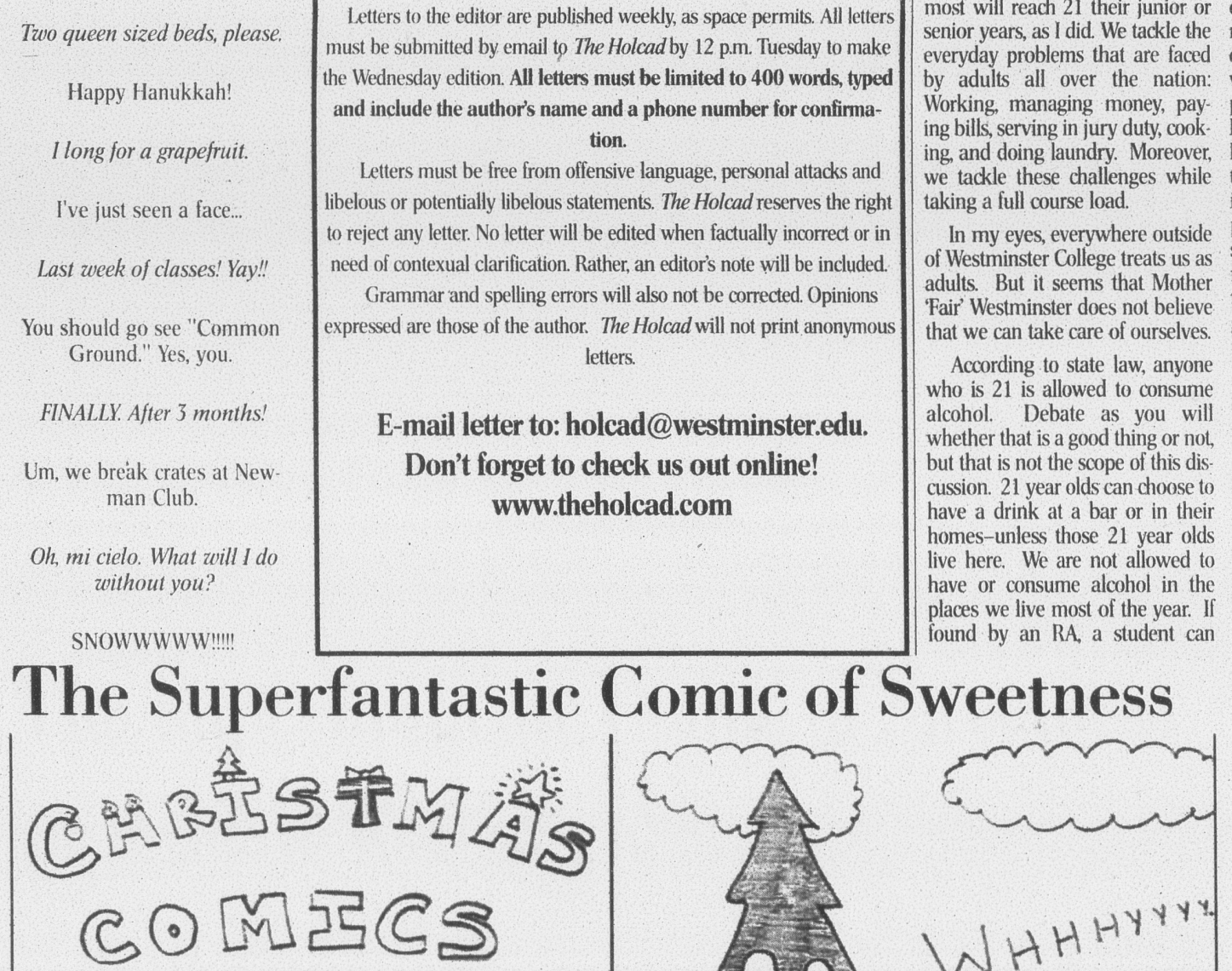

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Erie teen buys toys for needy tots

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - Who would refuse a kid in a Santa hat?

That was the thought running through Robbie Steinbrink's head when he first donned the hat and hit the streets, going door-to-door asking for donations so he could buy Christmas toys for needy children.

He asked priests and relatives and business owners.

He asked doctors and lawyers and classmates.

He asked anyone who would listen to a kid in a Santa hat.

Steinbrink, of Erie, then 11, raised $800 that first year, including $100 of his own money he won in an essay contest. In the years since, the collection has grown into an annual event that raised more than $5,000 in 2006 for the Erie City Mission Christmas toy drive.

Steinbrink, now a 17-year-old senior at Mercyhurst Preparatory School, said he got the idea while watching a news report showing a young girl crying with happiness at receiving a huge stuffed teddy bear.

"That was the only gift she was getting that Christmas, and that made me want to help," he said. "As a child, I always had nice Christmases with lots of toys, but I realized that there are a lot of kids in the Erie community that weren't having that kind of Christmas, or any Christmas at all."

Steinbrink has already started raising money for this year's drive. In a few weeks, Steinbrink will begin the painstaking process of selecting each gift from the toy aisles of a local Kmart: Barbies and Bratz dolls for the girls, and trucks and Legos for the boys.

The neighbors, friends and business owners are used to his calls by now and are happy to help, he said.

"Some people are really, really glad when I show up at their door," asking for donations, said Steinbrink, who still donates at least $100 of his own money to the cause every year. "Some corporations call me if I don't call them fast enough."

In recognition of his efforts, the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals honored Steinbrink as this year's Outstanding Philanthropic Youth during a luncheon earlier this month.

"Hundreds of children in this area who might go without presents have a happier Christmas because of him," said Lisa Nietupski, director of development at the Erie City Mission, who along with coworker Sue McChesney nominated Steinbrink for the award.

"For the kids opening the presents, it's like magic, it's pixie dust," Nietupski said. "For Robbie and the people who help him out, this is the true spirit of Christmas."

Steinbrink, for his part, is surprised that what he thought would be a one-time charity project has grown into an annual event that hundreds of families count on. He and a small crew of friends and relatives filled 43 shopping carts with the $5,000 raised in 2006, and Steinbrink hopes to exceed that haul when he hits the store this year.

When he does, the manager will be standing ready with two open checkout lanes.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Greyhounds Take Football into December with Semi-Final Action

It's a high school football playoff rematch for the Wilmington Greyhounds as the team faces Jeannette in the PIAA Class AA region playoffs on Saturday at Slippery Rock University.

Wilmington lost to Jeannette last year for a chance to move on to Hershey for the state championship; however a few things have changed such as time and location.

Last year the game took place in Westmoreland County in Jeanette's backyard. This time it moves closer to Wilmington's home with the game held at SRU's football stadium at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Greyhounds advance to the semi-finals after defeating Bishop-McCort in a game played Friday near Johnstown. The Hounds defeated Bishop-McCort 35-24. Meanwhile Jeannette made it to this region final by defeating Kans City 35-6 at over the weekend.

If Wilmington wins on Friday, the team faces the winner of the semi-final match up between Loyalsock Township and Dunmore in the state playoffs scheduled for Hershey Park Stadium for 1 p.m. on December 14 and the game airs live on the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN).

Hunters sneak onto Pittsburgh airport land for deer

IMPERIAL, Pa. (AP) - Brazen hunters have illegally snuck onto land surrounding Pittsburgh International Airport in search of deer, presenting a serious threat to aviation safety, officials said.

"All it takes is one incident," said Gary Fujak, a Pennsylvania Game Commission wildlife conservation officer based in Allegheny County. "If a slug hit a 737 on the airfield, that wouldn't be a good thing, but that could easily happen with one small mistake."

The problem is the 9,000 fenced-in acres are teeming with hundreds, if not thousands, of deer and that is proving to be too much of a temptation for some hunters.

"There are certainly some very nice bucks in there – bucks of a lifetime – and many have never been hunted before," said Craig Swope, a district supervisor and wildlife biologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It's not uncommon to see 40 or 50 together in a two-acre field," he said. "That's not normal and, for some, hunting is worth the risk of being caught."

On Tuesday, county police cited a 64-year-old Sewickley man and his 41-year-old son after police said the son was dressed in camouflage and armed with a rifle inside a gated area of the airport.

Officials also worry the deer themselves pose a risk to aircraft.

Over the last 20 years, there have been several incidents in which planes hit deer, according to Brad Penrod, airport authority executive director.

Penrod has seen propellers damaged on a turboprop plane and a deer carcass propelled into a small plane's cockpit, he said.

Swope, who plans to submit a wildlife management plan to the Allegheny County Airport Authority next week, said the deer population "is through the roof."

Pittsburgh International handles its own deer control, unlike other airports in Pennsylvania, which contract with the federal agriculture department.

The airport authority currently uses about a dozen employees who are experienced hunters to kill deer or drive them from the airfield as needed, Penrod said. The carcasses are given to a meat processor, who gives the meat to local food banks.

Man finds 100 pounds of dynamite in warehouse next to his home

BERWICK, Pa. (AP) - It was, indeed, a dynamite find.

Jack Beiter was cleaning out an old warehouse next door to his home in Berwick when he made the discovery. It was a box marked "Danger: High Explosive."

Inside he found 100 pounds of dynamite. He alerted police, who found detonators in another room.

Beiter had recently acquired the warehouse after its former owner died. He recently began cleaning it out and his wife had been hoping to find antique furniture inside.

The warehouse had once been used to store supplies for a contracting business. Police say the dynamite had been there for years.

Police detonated the explosives.

NATIONAL

San Francisco collects pistols, assault rifles in Gifts for Guns program

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A man carrying a semiautomatic handgun approached a group of San Francisco police officers Saturday afternoon and, with a smile, handed over the pistol in exchange for $150 in gift cards.

"I used to fire it at bottles or do some plinking in the woods," said the gun's owner, 48-year-old Bruce Bourne. "But I have a 6-year-old daughter now and my wife was uncomfortable with it being in the house."

For a few hours on a sunny yet brisk Saturday, San Francisco police officers accepted 100 guns from about 80 people in the city's second "Gifts for Guns" event. The first event in July brought in 117 handguns and 2 shotguns.

The idea is to make the streets seem a little safer when the city's murder rate has risen in recent years – San Francisco has had at least 89 homicides so far this year.

Among the 100 guns collected Saturday were 4 assault rifles and two sawed-off shotguns, said Mikail Ali, director of the mayor's office of criminal justice.

As Ali discussed the city's efforts to curb violence another man walked up with a large, black gun case. He took out a black assault rifle with a folding stock and pistol grip and turned it in.

"Twenty years ago you could buy a gun like that legally in California. Some were registered properly, some weren't," Ali said.

California law makes owning an assault weapon illegal, but Gifts for Guns allows people to turn in their firearms without showing identification, and officials promise not to ask any questions about the guns' origins.

Once in police custody the guns are checked with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to see if they were stolen. Ali said 99 percent of the guns recovered are destroyed and, if the guns were stolen, they are returned to their owners, if possible.

Participants received $100 gift cards for turning in rifles or shotguns, $150 cards for revolvers or semiautomatic pistols and $200 cards for assault-type weapons like AK-47s.

But not everyone participating in the gun program Saturday believed it was helpful.

Peter Buxtun, a 70-year-old gun advocate, turned in two pistols Saturday that he said were worthless. He collected $300 in gift cards.

"You can buy junk guns for $10 and then use the gift cards to buy new guns," he said. "I saw a half-dozen uniformed SF police officers taken off the street to sit for hours in a City Hall photo-op, instead of patrolling certain drug-ridden and gang-infested neighborhoods."

INTERNATIONAL

British parliamentarians in Sudan to try to win release of jailed teacher

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Two British parliament members met officials in Sudan Saturday to try to secure the release of a British teacher imprisoned for naming a teddy bear Muhammad and later said the Khartoum government wants to resolve the case.

Britain's Channel 4 News quoted the teacher, Gillian Gibbons, as saying in a statement from police custody that she was being treated well.

"I'm fine. I'm well," Channel 4 quoted Gibbons as saying. "I want people to know I've been well treated, and especially that I'm well fed. I've been given so many apples I feel I could set up my own stall. The guards are constantly asking if I have everything I need.

"The Sudanese people in general have been pleasant and very generous, and I've had nothing but good experiences during my four months here. I'm really sad to leave, and if I could go back to work tomorrow then I would."

Channel 4 said the statement came from Gibbons' legal team in Khartoum but her lawyer, Kamal al-Gizouli, said he was unaware of any such statement being put out.

Fiona Long, a Channel 4 News spokeswoman, told The Associated Press that the program stood by the accuracy of its report.

Baroness Sayeeda Warsi and Lord Nazir Ahmed, both Muslim members of Parliament's upper house, had earlier visited Gibbons in prison for more than an hour.

"Gillian was surprisingly in good spirits considering the last seven days," Warsi, a Conservative, told Sky News.

Warsi and Ahmed arrived in Sudan Saturday on what the British Foreign Office called a private visit to meet with officials and seek the early release of Gibbons.

Concern for Gibbons' safety was sparked Friday after thousands of Sudanese, many armed with clubs and swords and beating drums, burned pictures of her and demanded her execution during a rally in the capital Khartoum.

"The Sudanese government (does) want to resolve this matter. ... (We) hope we can come to an amicable resolution soon," Warsi said after she and Ahmed met Sudanese officials.

"They've been very positive so far," Ahmed said in an interview with the BBC. "We've had very frank discussions, and we are very hopeful that ... we'll be meeting more ministers and officials and this will continue until such time as we can reach a satisfactory conclusion."

A lawyer for Gibbons said President Omar al-Bashir could inform the visiting parliamentarians that he had pardoned the teacher.

Gibbons' lawyer Kamal al-Gizouli said Sudan's president could deliver news of a pardon when he meets the British visitors. But it was not immediately clear when they would meet.

"I would not be surprised if president of the republic will tell delegation we have dropped this charge," al-Gizouli told The Associated Press.

Gibbons, 54, was sentenced Thursday to 15 days in jail and deportation for insulting Islam by naming a teddy bear Muhammad – the name of Islam's prophet. The naming was part of a class project for her 7-year-old students at a private school in Sudan.

Rare liver transplant for Miami toddler offers hope without lifetime of harsh drugs

MIAMI (AP) - Kimberly Lindsey marvels that her 3-year-old son Merrick doesn't need to take 10 different medicines anymore. He can safely frolic on the playground among the germs that lurk there.

Two years ago, Merrick's liver suddenly shut down. Standard treatment would have meant a full liver transplant and a lifetime on drugs to keep his body from rejecting the new organ. The medication suppressing his immune system would have raised his risk for infection and possibly damaged his kidneys.

Instead, Merrick underwent a rare and once virtually abandoned operation in which a partial donor liver was attached temporarily to his failing liver.

His own liver regenerated, and the transplanted liver is shrinking and may eventually waste away. He has been taken off the anti-rejection medication.

Seven children have had the operation at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital – the only U.S. facility believed to be regularly performing the surgery. Four of them are now off anti-rejection drugs and a fifth is close.

The procedure was first tried in the mid-1990s, but U.S. doctors thought the chance of death or complications was too high. One patient who had the surgery at the Miami hospital in 1998 remained hospitalized for three months because of complications. Ultimately, his liver recovered and he too was taken off the anti-rejection drugs.

Surgeons in England, France and Japan continued to do the procedure, and in several cases had favorable results. Jackson's Dr. Tomoaki Kato was encouraged by reports out of Europe. Since 2005, he has performed six partial transplants; all have survived.

It's "time to revisit the procedure," said Kato, the hospital's director of pediatric liver and gastrointestinal transplant program. "There's a great benefit for the children and the technology has developed so much."

Still, some surgeons say they will stick with the traditional transplant until they see more proof that the partial transplant is safe. The operation can take more than 10 hours, twice as long as the standard transplant surgery, and is more complicated, increasing risks to the patient. After surgery, a patient must have multiple biopsies to see if his own liver is regenerating.

Dr. Charles Miller, director of liver transplantation at the Cleveland Clinic, said that what concerns surgeons "is that you're taking a very sick patient and, in most cases, you would rather do the simplest operation."

The liver, which cleans toxins from the blood, is unique among the body's organs in its ability to regenerate, making the procedure possible. In some cases, the liver can recover from acute, or sudden, failure on its own. But if the organ doesn't recover fast enough, patients can suffer brain damage from the toxins if they don't get a transplant.

For Lindsey, choosing the potentially riskier partial transplant for Merrick was easy. Either road was going to be difficult, she said, and at least with the partial transplant, the little boy had a chance to regain the use of his own liver.

Little more than a year after the operation, Merrick's liver had regenerated enough that Kato took him off his anti-rejection drugs. His transplanted liver is shrinking and may eventually disappear. (In some patients, it is surgically removed.)

"I can sit here and say my son is off. He's off everything," Lindsey said. "What they did was a true miracle."

Because the operation is so rare, organizations like the United Network for Organ Sharing and the American Liver Foundation do not track the number of partial transplants performed or have specific guidelines for it.

Kato has created his own rough guidelines. He says children fare better with the operation because their livers have better rejuvenating abilities than adults, and he's only used it for cases of acute liver failure. Chronic liver problems, like hepatitis or cancer, would not be cured with this procedure.

Using this criteria, the number of people who could benefit from this procedure is limited. Fewer than 400 people got transplants for acute liver failure in 2006, about a fifth of them children, according to data from the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

The procedure is covered by insurance companies. Kato said the cost is roughly the same as traditional transplants. He also noted the long-term health care savings: After patients get off anti-rejection drugs, they save thousands of dollars a year.

And while the Miami patients received livers from deceased donors, the surgery could be performed using a live donor, such as a parent if tests showed compatibility.

The University of Chicago's Dr. Donald Jensen said that although the procedure is promising, if his own child were involved, he would still choose a standard liver transplant.

Jensen, director of the university's Center for Liver Disease, said some of the partial transplant's safety and other issues, still need to be worked out.

Some of Kato's patients have needed a second surgery to remove the transplanted partial liver because it became inflamed after anti-rejection drugs were halted. And a few have yet to get off those drugs.

Yailin Nunez's 2-year-old son Jonathan was the sixth patient to have the partial liver transplant at Miami. Of all the patients, his liver has shown the least recovery more than 20 months later, even compared to a boy who had the operation this summer.

"I still have faith my son's liver's going to regenerate.... It's just taking a little longer," Nunez said through tears. "And if it doesn't, it's OK.... We're given the chance and I've met other moms who weren't given the chance."

Brenner Logan's parents are praying the toss-up goes in their favor. In August, the 2-year-old became the most recent to have the surgery.

His liver is already showing signs of recovery.

Brenner's mother, Kristen Logan, is cautiously optimistic. After her son's surgery, she met one of the patients whose transplant was a success.

"You think, 'Wow. This could be my son,'" Logan said. "You begin to have so much more hope for the future."

Campus News

Icing on the lake- WC hockey club

By Ben Knauff
Staff Writer

While many students lament the ever-colder weather as November presses on into December, at least one group of students is happy to have a chill in the air: the ice hockey club.

The hockey club, a medley of experienced hockey players and fanatics with a love of the game, hits the ice twice a week to take on the New Castle area's finest players at Hess Ice Rink.

"I've been in love with the sport since I could walk. I didn't get the chance to start playing ice hockey until I was in high school but I'm glad that Westminster gave me the chance to continue playing," said senior club president and captain Aaron Schade.

The sentiment is shared by most of the team. Unfortunately, funding from SGA is stretched thin.

According to Schade, the team has been given $4000 this year. Of that, $2550 is slated for league fees, and the rest barely covers the cost of paying referees.

As a result, many players skate with barely adequate pads and jerseys paid for out of their own pockets.

"For the hockey club to move forward, we're going to need more money and for the school to be involved. Faculty involvement is important, whether it's a coach or player with some experience, to give us guidance," said junior goaltender Alex Bugel.

Without additional money, the team also lacks a time or place to practice regularly. Some of the most devoted members can be seen braving subzero temperatures in the dead of winter to take advantage of the temporary ice on Lake Brittain.

According to Schade and Bugel, the team loves when the student body comes out to watch the games and give their support. Senior Mallory Bugel attends nearly every game and considers her self the team's most devoted fan.

"I like watching Alex [Bugel] play and besides watching the Penguins, it's the hockey I really want to see. And it's entertaining as [expletive]," Bugel said.

Senior Andy Saporito, a seasoned veteran with three years under his belt, agrees.

"Hockey is an exciting enough sport to watch live, and the vast variety of skill level is very entertaining for the fans," he said.

The team's bi-weekly games are usually played on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Tonight they have a double-header starting at 8:30. The second game will begin at 10. Sunday's opening face-off is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Next week, the hockey club will have a rare game on at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Youngstown Chevy Center, and follow up with a game on Wednesday at 10 p.m. in the Hess Ice Rink.

Photo contributed by Mallory Bugel

Hockey club hits the ice

Junior goalie Alex Bugel sprawls out for a kick-save.

Blazing in all its glory- O' Christmas tree!

Photo by Nicky Piszczor

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays!

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, members of the campus gathered to see the tree light up celebration. Students gathered to sing carols and celebrate with music. Right: Students pose in front of the tree after the lighting.

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Newman Club to show "Common Ground"

By Allyson Koerner
Staff Writer

The Newman Club will show the documentary "Common Ground" on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in Mueller Theater.

The documentary is about a conversation between a priest and pastor who discuss what Catholics and Protestants can learn from one another.

"The movie highlights the beliefs that unite us as Christians," senior Kerry Flaherty said. "People tend to focus on the differences of religions, and this movie doesn't do that."

This movie clears up a lot of misconceptions about Catholic and Protestant beliefs, which is why the Newman Club decided to show it to the campus.

"The Newman Club is a small Catholic fellowship group here on campus that helps raise awareness of the Catholic and Protestant religions," President of the Newman Club Nicole Panza said. "Going to a Presbyterian school, this club thinks showing this movie is a great way to point out the differences and similarities between these religions."

Originally the Newman Club planned on inviting a speaker to talk on campus, but this documentary was recommended to the Newman Club. Excitement has been expressed on campus for the presentation of it, and all are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Panza or attend meetings at 9:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room every Tuesday night during the school year. All students are welcomed to attend.

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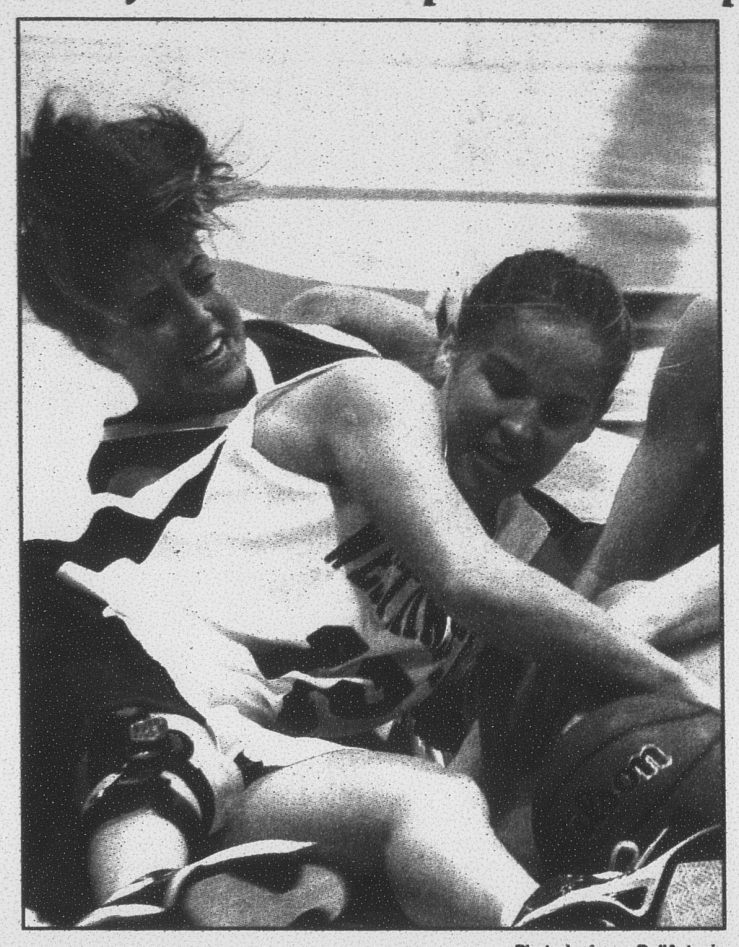


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

By Thomas Campana
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team won yet another game this past Saturday, December 1st, as they out played the St. Vincent Bearcats.

As a run-off of last week, the Lady Titans added win number five to their undefeated record. This has been the best start in Titan Basketball since the 1988-1989 team, when they posted a 7-0 record.

The Lady Titans, who are led by senior Emilee Ackerman, out scored the Bearcats 77-45. Ackerman is averaging 23 points per game and is on her way to joining the Titan 1,000 point club.

Ackerman also posted her sixth career "double double" as she tallied 11 rebounds and 24 points in the Lady Titans win.

Sophomore center Rachel Martinko scored 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds, as junior guard Gina Brunetti scored 15 points and senior forward Terese Marszalek added 10 points in the Titans victory.

"I think our defense continues to improve, we also are starting to play more and more as a team," Ackerman said.

The lady Titans were hot from the start, as they jumped out to a 22-7 lead with just nine minutes into play. The second half was about the same as the first, as the Titans came out of the locker room on a 14-4 run, opening up a 52-24 lead. The Titans finished off the Bearcats, who trailed throughout the whole game as the final score was the Titans 77 and the Bearcats 45.

The lady Titans open conference play tonight at Grove City, for a 6 p.m. tip-off. As the Titans walk into PAC play with an undefeated 5-0 record, the question is can they continue to improve their undefeated record.

"It's a great start but we still have a lot of things we can improve on and we are working hard to do so. Grove City is a lot better than they were last year and they have a whole different look, so they will be a good test for us and our record," Brunetti said.

Men's basketball defeats St. Vincent, falls to Allegheny

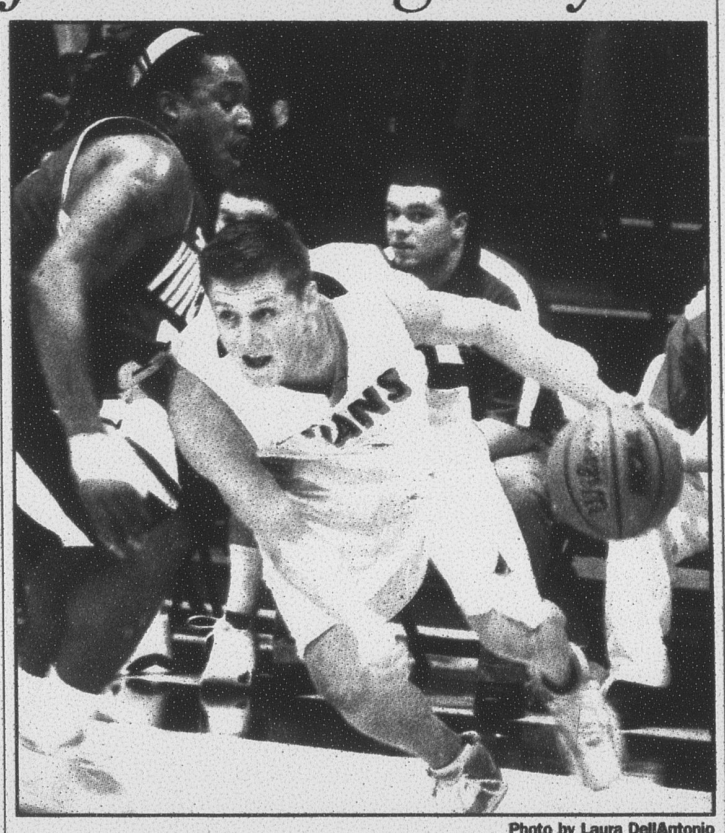


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team achieved its first win of the season Saturday by defeating Saint Vincent, 81-72. The Titans then suffered another loss Monday against non-conference Allegheny.

The basketball team hosted Saint Vincent, a NCAA D-III provisional member, at the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

In the first half, Westminster trailed by as many as eight points before coming back and taking a 41-37 lead by halftime.

The Titans went on a 14-4 run after the game was tied 47-47 with 16:01 remaining in the second half. Saint Vincent answered with a 13-2 run before guard Joey Butler fouled out.

The Titans went on a game-deciding 12-2 run after the game was tied 64-64 with 4:09 remaining. Freshman Max Spinner started the run with a key 3-point shot that put the Titans up 68-64.

Senior Criag Hannon led the Titans scoring a season-high 25 points on 8-12 shooting. Hannon also added a game-high five assists.

Sophomore Ryne Murray scored 21 points and recorded a game-high 15 rebounds for his second straight "double-double".

Other leading scorers were senior Chauncey Whitlow who bucketed ten points and Spinner who scored 15 points.

Saint Vincent's Ian McCollough scored a game-high 27 points, followed by teammates B.J. McGill and Butler with 20 and 14 markers, respectively.

Overall, the Titans out-shot Saint Vincent with a 64.4 to 44.6 percent margin. Westminster also out-rebounded Saint Vincent, 34 to 24.

The basketball team traveled to Allegheny where they matched up with the Gators. The Titans comeback fell short as they lost 68-66 against Allegheny, accounting for their fourth loss of the season decided by three points or less.

A layup by junior David Richards tied the score 66-66 with 15 seconds remaining in the game. Allegheny's Doug Price countered with a layup followed by Ryan Hollihan steal, which concluded the game.

Leading the Titans was Ryne Murray with 24 points and ten rebounds registering his third straight "double-double" and the seventh of his career. Whitlow bucketed 11 points, while Hannon added ten points and a team-high four assists.

Charlie Jaicks of the Gators led with 18 points, followed by teammate George Raftis with 11 points to pair with 11 rebounds.

The Titans led in shooting for the game with a 45.6 to 40 percent advantage, while the Gators controlled rebounds with a 46 to 27 margin.

The Titans face the defending league champion, Grove City, Wednesday night in their first PAC contest of the season.

Men's and women's swim teams compete at Wooster

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming teams combined to place second with 2,585 points at the Wooster Invitational held November 29-December 1 at Wooster High School in Ohio. The host Fighting Scots won the meet with 3,244 combined points out of 11 schools.

Westminster finished first in the men's standings with 1,671 points out of nine teams, while the Titan women placed sixth out of 11 teams with 914 points. The Wooster women finished first with 1,608 points.

The Titans men won five races while the women captured three. Overall, the Westminster men occupied 43 top-eight medalist positions in 18 events, while the Titan women medaled 16 times in 13 races.

Junior Megan Mier won the 200-yard backstroke for the Titan women with an NCAA Championship "B" provisional qualifying time of 2:09.43. The other first-place finishes for the Titan women were senior Becky Gilesin the 400 IM (4:41.07) and sophomore Emily Dressler in the 200 freestyle (1:59.07).

Giles and Mier also placed second (2:11.99) and third (2:15.62) in the 200 IM, while Mier took third in the 100 backstroke (1:01.89).

The first-place finishers for the Westminster men were junior Stephen Burns in the 50 freestyle (21.53), junior Conor Simpson in the 500 freestyle (4:48.15), junior Chris Lehberger in the 200 breaststroke (2:09.16) - leading a list of four Titans in the top five - and the 400 (3:11.36) and 800 freestyle (7:09.24) relay teams.

The 400 freestyle relay team consisted of Burns, sophomore Brett Gerthoffer, senior Tom Benoit and freshman Aaron Whisman. The 800 team was Gerthoffer, Whisman, Benoit and Simpson.

Other notables for the Westminster men included four Titans placing in the top six in the 200 freestyle led by Gerthoffer's second-place time of 1:46.26. Simpson placed second in the 100 (52.31) and 200 (1:57.98) butterfly races, senior Nick Keagle placed second in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.01), Lehberger took second in the 200 IM (2:00.41) and Gerthoffer captured second in the 100 freestyle (48.17).

The next meets for Westminster will be the Titan women hosting Chatham on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and both teams traveling to Bethany on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Two senior players mark place in Titan history

Ziegler and Rhodes set career records in their last season as Titans

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

Throughout the 2007 season the Westminster Titans were an up and down team ending with their first winning record since coach Hand's arrival. The Titans managed to move the ball and play efficient defense all season long not to mention the 2 senior stars that broke Titan records.

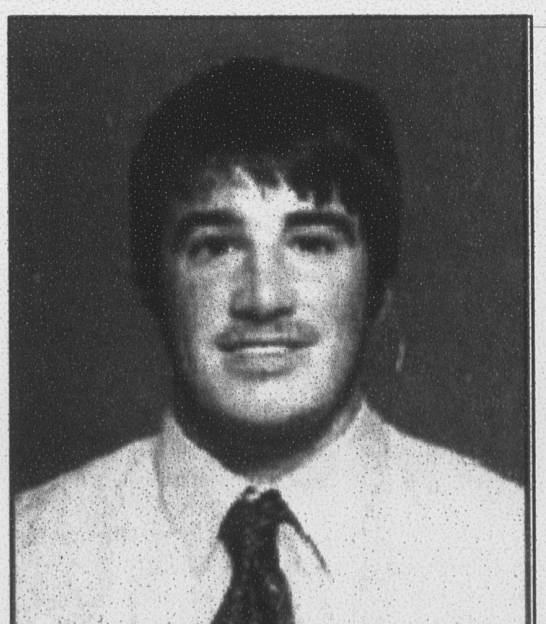
Senior Brett Ziegler and Dusty Rhodes both set new Titan football career marks this season. Both played well all season with Brett scoring touchdowns and getting first downs and Dusty pinning opponents deep in their own red zone. These two had much to do with the Titans' success this season.

Westminster receiver Brett Ziegler had much to contribute with his speed in the vertical game and Kevin Franz took advantage of that as he looked Ziegler's way all season. Brett Ziegler said about his new record of 142 career receptions "well I mean it's a great honor, I think it's a good thing for us seniors because all of them and the rest of the team were a big part of getting the record. I mean its 3 years of playing with good players, so hopefully all the seniors can take some credit for the record."

Ziegler broke the previous record held by Matt Dvorsak which stood at 140 receptions in a career.

Dusty Rhodes played his way into the record books with booming kicks including his career long of a 60 yarder. Dusty established a new yards per punt record of 39.6 yards a kick. This broke the previous record held by John McCartney in 2001 which was set at 37.9 yards per punt.

Rhodes also embellished when asked about the record "I didnt plan on breaking any records, I didn't even know I was going to break the record till the guys started talking about it before the last game."



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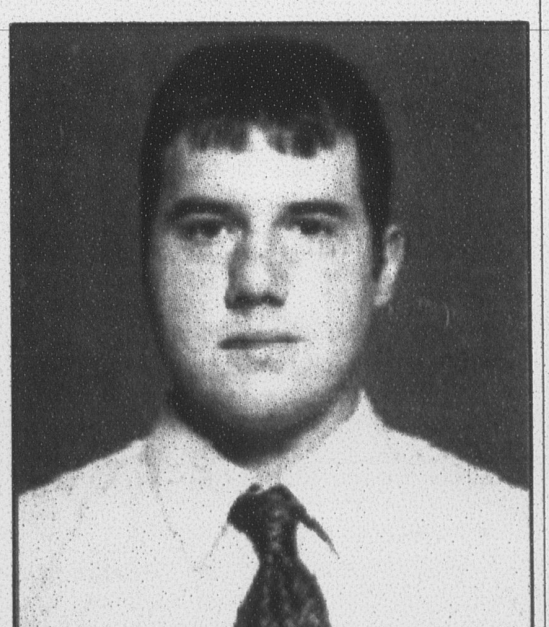

Rhodes

He also said "to prepare this past year I just tried to stay focused on each punt and would punt some extra balls during practice whenever I got the chance."

Both of these players seemed very excited to add a new chapter to Titan football. They also gave the campus something to be proud of.

Pompous Pittsburgh

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

As I watched Pitt upset West Virginia my mind began to ponder Pittsburgh Athletics as a whole, so I have put together a collaboration of my thoughts.

All of a sudden we need to give Dave Wannstedt time and Pitt is ready to turn the corner, which was obviously evident Saturday night in Morgantown. It's amazing what a single win will do at the end of an awful season. Wannstedt has won 40% of his games at Pitt. At any other school that would get most coaches a plane ticket out of town. At Pitt, it gets you an extension.

Because I hate to end my articles in the spirits of doom and gloom, I thought we could discuss the Pirates in the middle of the article. This is the season that could once again get the Buccos back into the record books. The only problem is the likely record setting season will go in the books as the one in which the Pirates tied the mark for most consecutive losing seasons.

The Pirates have a new general manager, a new manager, and many new coaches. It's obvious to anyone who has paid any kind of attention to the Bucs over the past decade that whatever it is they're doing is not working.

It has not mattered who has been the general manager or the manager. It has not mattered if the general manager went heavy on pitching or position players in the draft. But with every change there is hope. Hope that maybe these guys are the ones. They sure say the right things and have come from successful organizations or have a solid reputation among those in the know.

However, any delusions that the Bucs might actually be on track were easily cast aside this week when promising young pitcher Shane Youman was put on waivers and claimed by Philadelphia. Word has it that the Pirates' brass assumed nobody would claim Youman. Apparently the Phillies saw promise in Youman's spot starts last year and solid work out of the pen.

So, while the Pirates are said to be looking for arms to strengthen the bullpen this off-season, it seems that they could have saved themselves some time and effort by hanging on to Youman, the type of player they are now looking for to replace him. Again, the general manager gets the boot, the manager is fired, and the con goes on.

As I watch the Penguins start their season I cannot help but think to myself, "Is there any group of fans that panic faster than Penguin fans?" A two week slide in November and you would think the season is lost. This is a sport that plays well into March, so why the panic in November? Suddenly they have turned it around and won three of four and all is well again.

At least the Pens give Pittsburgh sports some excitement, but where would the city of Pittsburgh be without its rock, the Steelers? If not for the Steelers, Pittsburgh would be considered a town with below average sports franchises and not much in the way of a winning sports tradition.

Heck, if that were the case, Pittsburgh would have to change its name to Cleveland.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

It's B-Sides the point

Anberlin shines with newest release

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Anberlin is a band driven by hope and desire. Their February release of their latest full-length, *Cities*, was met with dual acclaim from both fans and critics alike due to their combination of arena-rock-meets-pop inspired songwriting.

Not soon after, a rapid buzz spawned around the Orlando-based five piece, comprised of lead vocalist Stephen Christian, guitarists Joseph Milligan and Christian McAlhaney, bassist Deon Rexroat, and drummer Nathan Young.

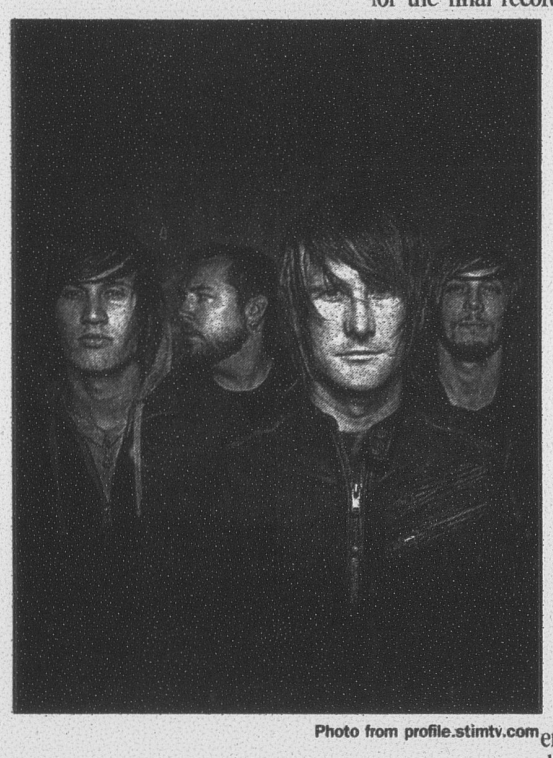

Photo from profile.stimtv.com

Now, not even a year later, the band has served up another helping of alluring tracks in the form of *Lost Songs*, a B-sides record featuring rarities and previously unreleased tracks.

The album commences with "The Haunting," a track released prior to Cities as an iTunes exclusive. As breathtaking a song as it is, I'm amazed at how this didn't make Cities. A dichotomy based around the change from the gentle acoustic-driven verses to a powerful chorus featuring the distinct voice of Christian overtop of the pounding of the skins by Young leaves the listener astonished and grappled by the sheer brilliance of the piece.

In pursuit of "The Haunting" is "Uncanny," a song featured as a bonus track on Cities. Fairly, the song obviously didn't make the cut for the final record. Nonetheless, the track isn't all that bad, due to a catchy chorus hook. However, not every track on *Lost Songs* is original. Anberlin's cover of Bob Dylan's "Like A Rolling Stone," is an obvious and definitive departure from the original and offers a fresh take on the classic song, this time featuring distorted guitars and driving drums alongside of a modern, cleaner production. Christian's vocals even start to sound like Dylan's, atop the lyrics "How does it feel to be without a home/like a complete unknown/like a rolling stone?"

Another remake, this time of Radiohead's "Creep," which occurs later in the record, shows Christian's vocal ability to change from folk-inspired to opera-like, showing an impressive vocal range from low to high, especially in the denouement of the song. Apparently, Anberlin show a great respect for Depeche Mode as well, covering both "Enjoy the Silence," which appeared on Punk Goes 90s, and "The Promise," another Cities B-side. "Enjoy the Silence," is the better of the two and showcases Milligan's guitar aptitude and Young's bruising style of drum-playing.

No B-sides record would be complete without acoustic remakes. Both "Dismantle. Repair." from *Cities* and "Naive Orleans," from the 2003 release of *Blueprints for the Black Market* are the best, with "Dismantle. Repair." leaving the listener grasping his headphones with the sheer suspense the song possesses, and finding Christian reaching out to touch the very heart of the listener on "Naive Orleans," musing "I finally found that life goes on without you/that the world still turns when you're not around."

The acoustic version of the single "A Day Late" from 2005's *Never Take Friendship Personal* is also another solid track, slowing down the pace from the original and switching the focus from intensity to melody.

Unfortunately, acoustic versions of "Unwinding Cable Car," and "Inevitable" recorded during AOL sessions aren't as good as the originals, but are still enjoyable to hear stripped down from the clean production of Cities.

Continuing, "Baby, Please Come Home" is a wonderful yuletide rock song, and immediately brought back the sensations of Christmastime upon first listen.

Finally, the album closes demo versions of "Ready Fuels" and "Driving (Autobahn)" from *Blueprints for the Black Market*, followed by the unreleased track *Everything In Between*.

All offer interesting insight of the evolution of songwriting and show the listener just how far Anberlin has come since its inception in 2002.

Although a few tracks may be disappointing, as a whole, *Lost Songs* has plenty of bang for the buck, offering up several good acoustic versions of previously released songs and one of the best songs Anberlin has ever written in "The Haunting." At nineteen tracks long, you can't go wrong.

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Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Beowulf's *plotlines obscured and portrayed poorly*

Hollywood butchers another classic

Photo from Beowulf-trailer.blogspot.com

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

The Cast:
Anthony Hopkins - Hrothgar
John Malkovich - Unferth
Ray Winstone - Beowulf
Angelina Jolie - Grendel's mother

Most high school students are exposed to the classic heroic tale of *Beowulf*. Unfortunately, the new film version by Robert Zemeckis does no justice to the original.

Many aspects of this movie were well done. Visually, it was stunning. Never before has digital animation looked this good. Some scenes looked so realistic that I forgot I was watching an animated film.

The cast's performance was also an enjoyable experience. Two distinguished actors were given supporting roles. Anthony Hopkins (*The Silence of the Lambs*) played Hrothgar, King of the Danes, and John Malkovich (*The Glass Menagerie*) as Unferth, who initially doubts Beowulf but later becomes a loyal follower of the "hero." Both veterans show that they still have what it takes to impress an audience.

Ray Winstone (*The Departed*) entirely embodies the attitude of Beowulf. He speaks with a certain confidence, even when unsure of his actions.

While Winstone's acting is exceptional, the character portrayed is far from the God-serving hero of the old story. Zemeckis' Beowulf is more of an oedipal tragic figure than a hero. Rather than living a fulfilling life of heroism and triumph, Beowulf lives in regret and eventually must confront the demons of his past.

I was utterly disappointed with the filmmakers' vision of Grendel, the monster that terrorizes the Danes' social hall. The monster looked like nothing more than an over-sized corpse.

The first time Grendel is seen, a glimpse of his decaying, bleeding skin fills the shot. This image was terrifying and made me imagine a massive, ugly monster. But an eight-foot Gollum was the last thing I expected to see crashing through the mead-hall doors.

Another disappointment was the unnecessary sexuality. Beowulf decided to strip right before fighting Grendel, leading to many strategically placed objects to keep the PG-13 rating.

Grendel's mother (Angelina Jolie) looked to be nude and covered in gold paint with a long, flexible appendage extending from her ponytail. The story has been altered to make her sex appeal overpower Beowulf, rather than Beowulf's triumphant heroism defeating her.

Other love interests are added to Beowulf's life. The Queen of the Danes becomes his wife after the defeat of Grendel and her husband's suicide, (another addition to the story). Sometime during his reign as king he takes on a young female "companion," as well.

Most of the important aspects of the story are dwarfed by the love stories and *300*-style manliness. The battles are extravagant, but leave out all emotion.

Beowulf seems to be fighting for no other reason than his own glory. His loyal band of warriors follows him blindly into battle not knowing that he is far from the selfless hero they love and worship.

By the time of the final battle between Beowulf and the dragon, the original story has been tossed out completely. In fact, the setting for the battle and the events leading up to it has been totally changed. This scene, as well as some of the other battle scenes, is utterly ridiculous.

The biggest problem with this film is that Beowulf is portrayed as an evil, selfish brute. He does not fight in the name of any god, or for his country, but instead for his own pride's sake. In fact, all of his actions are self-serving.

I should have known better than to think that this movie would stay true to the epic poem. Being a huge fan of the story, I had long anticipated this movie's release. After seeing such a terrible deconstruction of a great story, I have lost all hope in ever seeing an accurate portrayal of any good literature on the big screen.

Max's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Morning Light has promising future

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Photo from myspace.com

You may not have heard of it yet, but I am assuming within the near future The Morning Light will soon be known. This band from Pittsburgh has been together since 2005 and is currently on an independent label.

Through the years, the group has been through their fair share of musicians; although finally, The Morning Light has the exact number of people to be making music together: Harrison on piano and vocals, Bobby on guitar and vocals, Matt on guitar, Andy on bass and Nick on drums.

Two of the members were previous members of the band Transition, which was also fairly big in the Pittsburgh area. Unfortunately, Transition fell apart due to their bassist leaving and their lead singer's academic choices. The ending of Transition was the beginning for *The Morning Light*.

This past summer, *The Morning Light* released their first EP containing six songs entitled "The Sounds of Love." OK, so I will admit, these six songs are nothing great. They sound just like every other Cartel or All Time Low song out there.

The thing is, these guys are young, and this first effort is a good start. Many times in this EP, they resort back to the typical "teenage pop-punk" lyrics. I have a feeling if it was not for Blink-182, there would not be this string of average bands that have B-lyrics and redundant vocals.

The only difference is that Blink 182 knew how to pull it off. The first song entitled "The Love" has a very catchy melody, accompanied by a mix of guitar and piano. "You're Not Mine" is probably the heaviest song on the EP.

This song reminisces about a long lost love wondering if the relationship will ever happen again. "Safe Bet" incorporates a great piano melody and once again speaks about a relationship that turned into something bad.

Probably my favorite song on the EP is the final one called "The Sounds." It is a song about hope, and one who continues to be someone else. The chorus is extremely catchy, and the entire song is simplicity at its finest.

I feel like The Morning Light has an extremely promising future. These five ordinary guys have a great start with this EP. It has great quality, and surely a bigger record label will discover them and take them to the next level.

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Sounds Like: Cartel, All Time Low

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Love Walked In hopefully lighthearted

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

How many of you have just been going on about your normal day, when something or someone walked into your life and changed it completely?

You might not realize the impact those people have in your life.

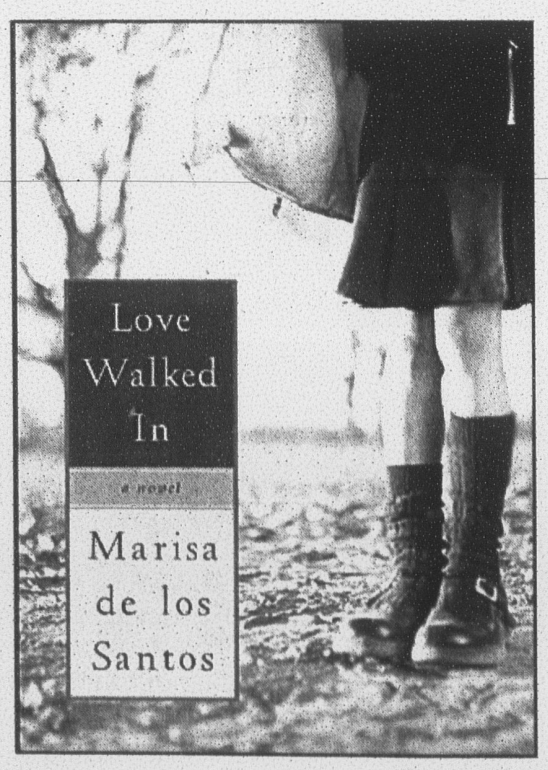
Think back, how did you meet your best friend? You could have been waiting for another friend when he/she stopped and said hello. Moreover, a random person now has made a large impact in your life.

That is what happened to Cornelia in *Love Walked In*. During her average day at work, a man walked in, Martin, who eventually becomes her boyfriend. Cornelia feels that this is possibly the man she is going to marry.

However, it is not because of an accident. Meanwhile, she is left with something more than he could ever buy her, his daughter. Clare had been living with her mother until her mother started having problems. Then, Clare went to her father, and now she has only Cornelia to take care of her.

The rest of the story follows how Clare and Cornelia grow and learn more about themselves and how love comes in different forms.

Eventually Clare's mother comes back to find her after she has received help. Making a great choice to help both of them, Cornelia gives them both the house she has just inherited from a neighbor of her parents so that they can get out of New York City and live in a more peaceful place.



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De Los Santos switches her chapters between Clare and Cornelia, which is similar to that of *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech. Moreover, you can see how the two characters merge together through the progression of the novel.

The characters amplify the meaning of "love is shown by actions not just words," not just Clare and Cornelia, but Teo, Clare's mother and even Martin himself.

Reading this book will leave you with the belief that there is a "Happily Ever After" for everyone.

Danielle's Rating: ★★★☆☆

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

HANUKKAH BEGINS

11:35 AM Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: David Cushman, "Government Debt, International Debt, and the U.S./Canada Exchange Rate" (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:45 AM RA Cafe (Info Session) (MCC Club)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Alternative Gift Market (MCC Carlson Atrium (Level 3))

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Celebration! An International Festival (MCC Student Lounge and Club)

5:00 PM Christmas Vespers Decorating (Orr Auditorium)

6:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Grove City*

7:00 PM College Feminists Meeting (Mugsies)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Men's Basketball @ Grove City*

8:15 PM Ski and Snowboard Club (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Kappa Delta's Top Male Model Competition (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, December 6, 2007

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Alternative Gift Market (MCC Carlson Atrium (Level 3))

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Workshop: TriBeCa/Soho: 2 BR/2 BA, Presenter TBA (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Club)

1:00 PM Broadcast Communications Capstone Presentations (MCC Mueller Theater)

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

4:10 PM Academic Standards Committee (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (Patterson 231)

5:00 PM - 5:40 PM End of Semester Stress Management Strategies (Patterson 132)

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Staff Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:30 PM SAA Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

6:00 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 152)

6:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:30 PM Zeta Tau Alpha Recruitment Party (Ferguson Hall Lounge)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Newman Club Presents Documentary Film -- Common Ground: What Protestants and Catholics Can Learn From Each Other (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, December 7, 2007

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM Sociology and History Capstone Reception (Orr Lobby)

4:30 PM Mass -- Holy Day of Obligation (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:00 PM Phi Sigma Tau Meeting (Patterson 116)

6:30 PM WOMEN'S SWIMMING v. Chatham*

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Across the Universe (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Good Luck Chuck (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, December 8, 2007

9:00 AM Christmas Vespers Videotaping (Orr Auditorium)

10:00 AM Intern Program Recital (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Men's Swimming @ Bethany*

12:00 PM Women's Swimming @ Bethany*

1:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Thomas More*

3:00 PM Men's Basketball @ Thomas More*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Good Luck Chuck (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Across the Universe (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, December 9, 2007

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Good Luck Chuck (MCC Mueller Theater)

3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Courtney Collins (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Christmas Vespers (Orr Auditorium)

8:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting (Patterson 311/312)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Across the Universe (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, December 10, 2007

CLASSES END

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Career Center's Education Seminar for Juniors (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Room 352)

6:00 PM Chapel Staff Christmas Party (TBA)

7:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:30 PM Massed Horn Concert (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night in The Club (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

READING DAY

10:30 AM Support Staff Christmas Luncheon (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:30 PM Athletic Department Christmas Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

FINALS

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group (Mugsies)

5:15 PM Campus Programming Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)

8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Marie Osmond (Orr Auditorium)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

Look forward to an abundance of energy or activity in your professional world. Commit to a workable plan and avoid spreading yourself too thin.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

With so much information floating around you this week, it may be difficult to focus. Stay positive, go with the flow and rise above confusion, uncertainty.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

It pays to seek advice from a trusted expert on investment matters. If you are not sure about your current fiscal path, stop and ask for directions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Take steps to avoid what could be a costly misunderstanding. Consult with your partner or mate about a pressing issue that affects your relationship.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

You will discover that you have a lot to learn. Incorporate some useful tips into your routine while working with an experienced colleague.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

The spotlight is on social activities. Do not waste time spinning your wheels on a project that offers little enjoyment. Spend quality time with your loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Step up and handle a domestic situation with a stern hand. Pay attention to requests or suggestions from family members and nip trouble or strife in the bud.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Do not hesitate to communicate what you are feeling. Live fully in each moment; laugh out loud or cry out with real tears if the mood hits you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Take time to identify your financial goals. Stick to your budget and put some money aside for emergencies or unexpected bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

The true nature of your personality is hard to hide, mask or disguise this week. Express yourself without reservations or fear of rejection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

A loved one comes forward to bail you out of an ego-busting situation. Take a time-out; reassess your priorities and regroup as a united team.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Club or group memberships require more of your time or energy than you originally budgeted. Know where to draw the line and when to walk away.

If your birthday is this week:

You are encouraged to use your creative talents to the maximum during the coming year. Take advantage of opportunities to create harmony and a sense of balance in your life.

Organize your finances to avoid miscalculations, oversights or overpayments. Surround yourself with people that you can trust to support you in your personal endeavors.

Also born this week:

Benedict Arnold, Charo, Dizzy Dean, Andy Kaufman, Daniel Webster and Edgar Allan Poe.

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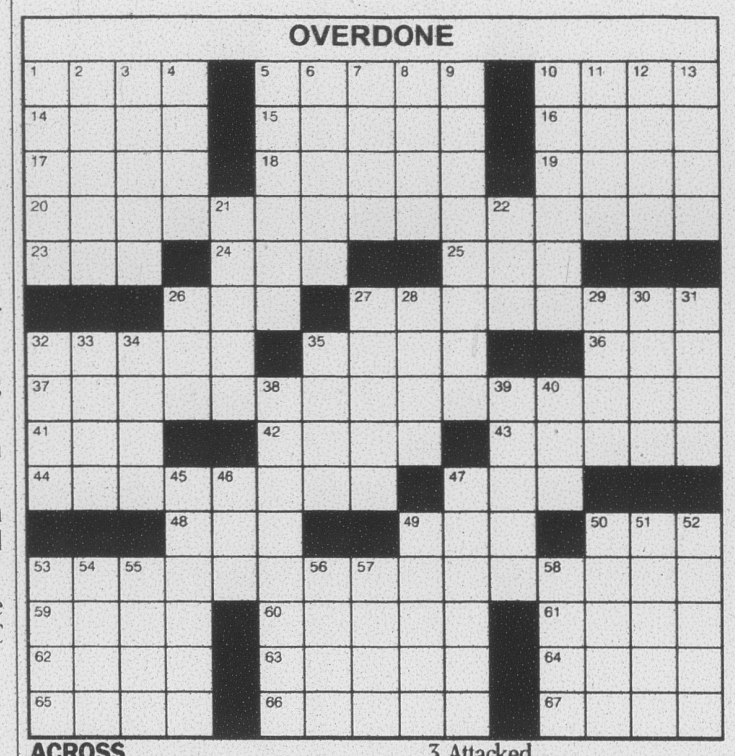

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15 More gelid
16 This, senora
17 Page, e.g.
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19 Tear
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24 UFO crew
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26 Fourths of a series
27 Terrify
32 Landed estate
35 Blackthorn
36 Simian
37 Two
41 Sit, differently
42 Neck part
43 Won, but just barely
44 Brightly colored beetles
47 Keats offering
48 Poetic contraction
49 Summer cooler
50 Boor
53 Too
59 West or Sandler
60 Protection
61 Withered
62 Western U.S. river
63 Yarns
64 Writer Bagnold
65 British gun
66 Actress Verdugo
67 Uses one's fingers?

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1 Vigilant: arch.
2 The Ram
3 Attacked
4 Builder's directive, in short
5 What the tables allow
6 Program entry points
7 Carol
8 6th Greek letter
9 Nice expression of approbation
10 Multi-winged celestial being
11 PC operator
12 Sicilian volcano
13 June celebrants
21 Paid heed
22 Kind of bank
26 Supporting
27 Wing control surfaces
28 Starlet's quest
29 Bar bills
30 Fencer's foil
31 Egghead, perhaps
32 Armor
33 Recorded deeds
34 Brokers' org.
35 Hosiery mishap
38 Deluge
39 Reporting to
40 A Stooge
45 Noble's attendant
46 Start of an edict?
47 Black Sea port
49 Like 24 Across
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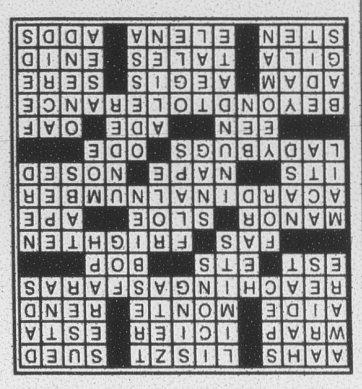


McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

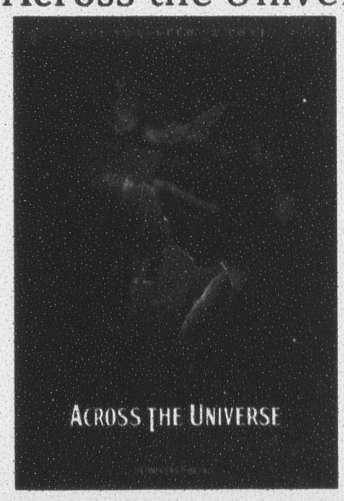
Friday, December 7

10pm - 12am

Titan's Tavern presents...

JD Eicher and Winslow

"Across the Universe"



Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Good Luck Chuck"

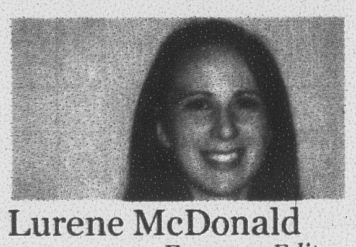
8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

All I want when Christmas comes to town



Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

Christmas is coming! It is my favorite holiday, and I am a huge fan of the experience. I find myself getting excited about it a considerable time before November, looking for the signs and feelings of the time.

I like the lights on the houses, the music in the air, the laughter of small children and adults alike drifting everywhere and the warm feeling I get inside from seeing everyone happy. I also recognize, however, that it is one of the most commercialized holidays of the year. Being a retail veteran, I have survived four Black Fridays at JC Penney's.

"Survived" would be the appropriate word. My favorite one had to be the year when I was just 17, and four older women came in at different times and felt the need to cuss me out. Apparently, they were not happy that they could not get the 5 a.m. sale, since it was then 7 p.m. Needless to say, this took the cheerful wind right out of me that day as I fought to keep my composure. This made me see how truly misconstrued people's Christmas experiences could actually be.

If you ever want to learn a life lesson, talk to small children. Their pure and true thoughts never fail to leave me floored. It leaves me questioning "Why did I not think of that?"

When I was in high school, one of the things I loved to do was volunteer to be one of Santa's elves. Basically, I put on red tights, a short green skirt, a hat, and handed out candy canes to the kids in the elementary school. I did not think it was a big deal at the time.

I was wrong. From that experience, one little girl still sticks out in my memories. She had walked up wanting a picture with Santa and handed me an envelope. It was full of quarters, though not enough, and her name was written on the front in crayon. It was more than apparent that she had put together the money herself. I definitely did not have the heart to tell her that she did not have enough money.

So up onto Santa's lap she went to tell him what she wanted for Christmas. If she had gone through all this trouble just to talk to him, surely she must have something awfully important to request. So I listened in on the conversation.

When Santa asked her what she wanted, she responded in such a way that caught me by the heart. She responded with, "Whatever you want to give me is fine. I just wanted to say hello."

She had simply just wanted to be near Santa. She was truly interested in the Christmas spirit, not the commercialistic merchandise that came along with it.

Do not get me wrong, I love presents. However, more than receiving them, I love giving them. The reaction of someone receiving his present is more powerful to me by a ten fold. It is when you lose sight of that wonderful feeling of giving, you lose sight of the Christmas spirit.

The unfortunate truth is that there are millions of children around the world that do not get what we consider a "real" Christmas full of presents and warmth and happiness. Thousands of them live on America's streets and even more in poverty-stricken homes. Every year people try to help them, but that only works if others are willing to recognize the need.

Those children do not necessarily have much reason to smile. If you asked them what they wanted for Christmas, I could almost guarantee they would not respond the same way my younger brother would. Their love of Christmas is through the spirit of it, not the commercialism of it.

This is exemplified in one of my favorite Christmas movies, The Polar Express, when the young impoverished "Lonely Boy," Billy, sings the song "When Christmas Comes to Town,"

"When Santa's sleigh bells ring

I listen all around

The herald angels sing

I never hear a sound

And all the dreams of children

Once lost will all be found

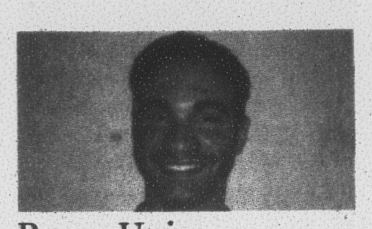
That's all I want when Christmas comes to town

That's all I want when Christmas comes to town."

This year, do not lose that Christmas spirit. Do not get caught up in the commercialistic idea of Christmas. Instead, look for the ways you can make giving this season as joyful as possible.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

U.S. double standards?



Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

My brother recently graduated from boot camp for the United States Marine Corps. Over Thanksgiving dinner, my family broached the topic of international policies.

Does anyone else think that the United States of America has some interesting double-standards in that department?

Our country is allowed to have nuclear weapons, but once we get wind of another country with them, we swoop down on the foreign land.

That's another point in itself. What makes us think that we can invade whichever country we see fit?

This can be viewed in a number of ways. My brother sees this country as the world's hero, swooping in to save the day whenever there's trouble brewing.

Our nation's actions can be viewed strategically. In efforts to properly defend ourselves, we have to maintain the status quo, because we're currently at an advantage over other countries. If the status quo is upset, our country tries to contain it.

I feel that America is an undercover empire, trying to control as much as possible.

Whatever your view, look at it this way. What if Vladimir Putin decided that George W. Bush was oppressing us, and Russians were sent to be stationed within our country? How would you feel? It doesn't even matter how you feel about President Bush; the military presence of Russia would be unsettling at the very least.

If we keep our mind open to the feelings of others, especially towards people that we might harbor ill will, peaceful coexistence might be a reality.

Let's put this into action. Some of us who celebrate Christmas get annoyed anymore with the political correctness of the holiday season. We feel obligated to not exclude anyone. There's a better approach.

If I moved to another country right now, I would respect the nation's traditions. If the denizens didn't celebrate Christmas, I'd feel special inside if they had some Christmas stuff, but I wouldn't expect them to cater to little old me.

With that being said, people should express diverse holiday cheer not by obligation, but with thoughtfulness.

I realize that this article seems to have two arguments, but really, they're one and the same. Diversity blossoms with an open mind and a kind heart.

Have a happy holiday and enjoy your break. I'll be back next semester as long as Russia doesn't invade.

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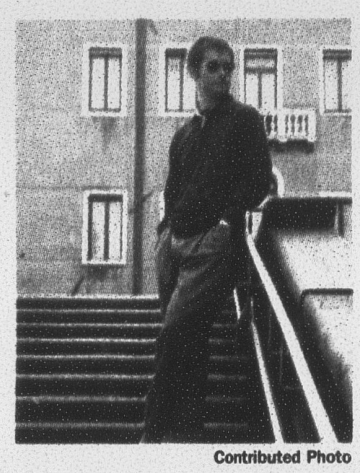
Students Without Borders: The end is near



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As the semester comes to a close, our fellow students in the Studies Abroad Program are returning from across continents to their homes in the United States. If you've been following their adventures in the Holcad for the past few months, you'll know they've been conversing in different languages, visiting historical sites, and maybe catching a few hours of sleep as they made the most of their traveling experiences.

Exchange students do much more than leave the country for a semester. They summon up the courage to open up to new people, in new places, with different cultures. These students welcome the taste of new foods in the acceptance of a new society. They learn all about public transport–how to get from point A to point B, while learning the customs and social norms of a new culture. These students don't limit themselves to only one country, either. Their determination, along with a good sense of budgeting, kept them moving all semester. All while taking classes and keeping up with homework. Now that's what I call drive.

After bravely spending the entire semester away from family and friends, our exchange students eagerly await their trip home for the holiday season.

As we prepare to welcome students back from the Studies Abroad Program next semester, members of the Holcad staff recall their most interesting and memorable moments the exchange program has allowed them to experience this year. They've graciously offered some of their favorite moments, foods, and places they have experienced, giving a sample of life overseas to everyone on campus.

Here's what they had to say about the abroad experience.

Andrew Kubincanek (Rome, Italy)

What is your favorite memory from your study abroad experience?

Winning several thousand Euros at baccarat in Monte Carlo and bankrupting an Iranian Pasdaran financier. (It hasn't happened yet, but I intend for it to be my finest memory.)

What is your favorite place that you visited?

Venice or Orvieto

What was your favorite place in the country you studied abroad in?

Scholar's Lounge Irish Pub – Whoever thought I would watch the Steelers and AC Milan simultaneously in Rome?

Favorite food native to the country you are in?

Roman pizza or Suppli – a cube of mozzarella rolled in rice and marina then breaded and deep fried

Favorite person (s) you met and why?

The Legionari Romani airsoft team – The only group among which you'll see an Italian wearing a "9/11 Never Forget" patch.

What was the hardest part of studying abroad?

A wise man once said that a closet is a basic human necessity…I lacked one for the duration.

What was the best part of studying abroad?

Including English, I spoke 6 languages on this trip…granted, none of them well (also including English which I now speak in a broken, accented manner).

What/Who did you miss the most?

I will be in trouble if I don't say Lurene (the real answer is unwrinkled shirts).

What are you looking foward to doing the most when you return home?

Getting some (by which I mean skiing, for those who do not understand such terminology). Washing these, my only pair of jeans that now fit, for the first time in over a month.

What is your major and any minors?

Political Science

Lynn Elliott (Spain)

What is your favorite memory from your study abroad experience?

A salesclerk in a tourist shop thought I was a native. We were talking for five minutes about a sweatshirt, and when I asked her the word for "zipper," she looked at me like I was an idiot. After she realized that I wasn't from Spain, she told me that it's "cremallera."

Also, one of my study abroad directors tried to say "puppies" in English and he pronounced it "poopies." It took me forever to explain why it was wrong because I was laughing so hard.

What is your favorite place that you visited?

I have two and they're pretty different:

Morocco - visiting a third-world country will change the way you think about things, and riding camels is awesome.

Oxford, England - I visited the Westminster at Oxford group and it was like going home for the weekend, which was fantastic after being in Spain for four months by myself.

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What was your favorite place in the country you studied abroad in?

Salamanca, the city I'm studying in. I'm really going to miss seeing the Plaza Mayor and the cathedrals every day.

Favorite food native to the country you are in?

Either calamari or chipirrones (baby squid). Actually, squid or octopus in any form in Spain is good.

Favorite person (s) you met and why?

Gloria, one of the directors for my study abroad program. She scared the living daylights out of me for the first three weeks because she never smiled and wore lots of clothing with skulls on it. Turns out that that's just what's popular in Spain, and she's really a caring and interesting person.

What was the hardest part of studying abroad?

Not seeing my family for five months. The internet is unreliable in my apartment, and the only time I could get good internet was during the hours that my parents worked, so I rarely talked to them.

What was the best part of studying abroad?

I'm not afraid to do things by myself any more. I feel confident traveling anywhere, making my own plans and finding my way around new cities. I finally feel like an adult (although I don't always act like one), and I'm much more independent than I was five months ago.

What/Who did you miss the most?

My parents. I never realized how good they are to me. It sounds sappy, but being away from them for five months was really hard. My mom took care of everything for me while I was gone - I could never have done this without my parents.

What are you looking forward to doing the most when you return home?

Bowling my parents over in the airport, then going home to my dog, my cats and my own bed.

What is your major and any minors?

I'm an English/Spanish double major with a minor in secondary education.

Shannon Richter (Oxford)

What is your favorite memory from your study abroad experience?

There are so many to choose from but I loved punting down the River Thames and seeing the beautiful riverbank and Christ Church as we cruised (not very quickly) down the river.

What is your favorite place that you visited?

I'm torn between the Highlands of Scotland, Venice, and Paris. All were amazing but I suppose Scotland's natural, rugged beauty appealed to me the most.

What was your favorite place in the country you studied abroad in?

I loved Oxford, especially the park area beside Christ Church that led down to the Thames and the Radcliffe Camera.

Favorite food native to the country you are in?

Mince pies and custard!

Favorite person (s) you met and why?

Mike Fosdal, Contemporary British History professor extraordinaire. He has the famous dry British wit that kept me laughing all semester. Long live Fosdal!

What was the hardest part of studying abroad?

It was difficult being away from my family and friends. Honestly, the hardest part was surviving the high exchange rate in England!

What was the best part of studying abroad?

Where do I start? It was incredible to live in Oxford; the city is fantastic. It was great to have so many opportunities to travel and to have the option to pop over to Paris for the weekend. I learned and saw new things everyday. It was incredible.

What/Who did you miss the most?

I miss ice cubes and doorknobs. My host family doesn't keep ice trays and our front door has no knob, which I find strangely disconcerting. Of course, my family, friends, dogs, and fellow Westminster pals as well!

What are you looking foward to doing the most when you return home?

Sleeping. I haven't slept in 3 months, too much to do!

What is your major and any minors?

Majors: English and Public Relations

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Amanda Miller (Oxford)

What is your favorite memory from your study abroad experience?

This is a hard one--but it would probably be my day spent in London first at St. Paul's Cathedral, then at the National Gallery, and finishing with a Jack the Ripper walking tour at night.

What is your favorite place that you visited?

I loved Amsterdam! It was really neat to see and the people were friendly.

What was your favorite place in the country you studied abroad in?

Definetly Corwall--no one should come to England without seeing Tintagel and Glastonbury.

Favorite food native to the country you are in?

Honestly--toast

Favorite person(s) you met and why?

I met a girl named Natalie from Glasgow, Scotland. I loved her accent and we were instant friends.

What was the hardest part of studying abroad?

Being away from the people I love.

What was the best part of studying abroad?

Getting to so many countries and realizing that I can do this on my own.

What/Who did you miss the most?

I really miss my mum and my room--also my comfy, warm bed!

What are you looking foward to doing the most when you return home?

Eating!! and shopping will be fun. I'm also looking forward to Christmas at home.

What is your major and any minors?

English and History.